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Hebron talks to resume in Eilat tomorrow

JON IMMANUEL and DAVID MAKOVSKY

ISRAEL offered several proposals at Friday's talks which the Palestinians sharply criticized but promised to answer when full talks on Hebron resume in Eilat tomorrow.

The security and civil affairs teams were meeting last night in Tel Aviv and heads of the full delegation were meeting in Jerusalem.

Asfour, speaking to Gaza journalists at the Information Ministry, said Israel's negotiators argued among themselves and were trying to postpone implementation of the agreements, while "we are trying our best to reach the same agreement as before without modifications."

His remarks contrasted with generally optimistic assessments of progress by Palestinian Authority Planning Minister Nabil Shaath and senior negotiator Mahmoud Abbas.

"I think there is a positive move in the talks," said Abbas. "If the talks continue like this, we hope during the next week to achieve a protocol of implementation."

Saeb Erekat, who has accused Israel of trying to reopen the agreement, co-opts the possibility of agreement as soon as the two sides establish implementation mechanisms. The proposals put before the Palestinians include alternative ways of solving the issue of hot pursuit and limiting municipal building close to Jewish residences.

Israel wants to conclude a Hebron redeployment deal, but rejects Palestinian calls for a package deal regarding other outstanding issues, believing such a broad agenda could only serve to delay an IDF pullback, a senior official in Jerusalem involved in the negotiations said.

"Anyone who insists on doing a complete package deal now is just delaying. It would take enormous time and manpower to deal with all these other issues. We can discuss the other issues after the Hebron deal," a senior official said.

Beyond Hebron, Palestinian officials would like Israel to spell out how they will implement commitments on a safe passage between Gaza and the West Bank, the scope of prisoner releases, and terms for opening the Palestinian airport in the Gaza Strip.

Moreover, Palestinians want a specific reaffirmation of the Oslo principle of Israeli pullbacks, fearing Netanyahu's newly proclaimed interest in starting talks on the final disposition of territories after the Hebron deal is a ruse to avoid further redeployments in the short term.

In a nod to the Palestinians, US peace process coordinator Dennis Ross said Friday that while a Hebron agreement is a first priority, the other issues would have to be addressed as well. Last night Ross spoke with both delegations.

Israeli chief negotiator Dan Shomron was optimistic after Friday's three-hour session. "We are very close to a signed arrangement or agreement," Shomron said.

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat was more cautious. Asked if there had been progress in Taba, he said: "Not yet." Ross briefed Netanyahu on the negotiations Friday afternoon. Channel 2 said Netanyahu promised his cabinet ministers Friday morning that he would show them any Hebron agreement before it was signed.

Channel 2 said Netanyahu and Science Minister Ze'ev Binyamin Begin had a sharp exchange over the withdrawal plans.

In Gaza City, members of the PLO Executive Committee met Friday evening to review the week of talks. Ahmed Abdel Rahman, secretary of the Palestinian Cabinet, accused Israel of intransigence.

"It is very clear that day by day, the Israeli government tried to reopen the agreement and renegotiate it. We completely reject this," he said.



French President Jacques Chirac (right) is given a festive welcome to Damascus by Syrian President Hafez Assad yesterday. (Reuters)

Chirac in Damascus: Peace process in danger, EU must intervene

DAMASCUS (Reuters) - French President Jacques Chirac arrived in Syria to a tumultuous welcome yesterday at the start of a Middle East tour aimed at increasing European influence on a faltering peace process.

More than 20,000 people, including many schoolchildren given half a day off, turned out to cheer Chirac and President Hafez Assad at Damascus Airport in a carefully staged display of warmth for a leader hailed by the official Syrian press as "one of the best friends of the Arabs."

Chirac, declaring the Middle East peace process in danger, said yesterday it was time for Europe to co-sponsor Arab-Israeli peace talks, and to contribute proposals as well as money. In a dinner speech in Damascus after receiving a tumultuous welcome at the start of a six-day Middle East tour, Chirac told Assad: "Today, Mr. President, we must work together to get the peace process back on track and let it succeed."

"France and Europe must stand by the parties as sources of friendship and proposals, and not as mere partners for reconstruction. It is time for Europe to co-sponsor this process as well,"

he said. Chirac did not once mention the United States, the region's dominant power broker, which sidelined Europe in the talks. But he said there was a need to improve the framework and method of the negotiations, which had shown their limits in recent months.

Endorsing Syria's terms for resuming talks with Israel, he said peace was "only attainable on the basis of the achievements of the negotiations conducted for the last four years." Israel's government has called for talks without preconditions, which Syria rejects as a return to square one.

Chirac said the essential principle of "land for peace" applied both to the Golan Heights and to Lebanon, where both Israel and Syria have troops.

Troop officials said Chirac would act as a "messenger of peace," urging leaders on his six-day tour to resume peace negotiations and not allow the opportunity for peace to slip away, with a risk of a new regional war.

Foreign Minister Farouk Shara said Syria welcomed a French role in Middle East peace-making, which would complement, not substitute for, the United States's role.

A senior French official said an agreement ending a festering dispute over repayment of Syria's FF 1.3 billion (\$250 million) debt to France would be signed during Chirac's visit, opening the way for new state-guaranteed French investment in Syria and increased trade.

By choosing to start his third Middle East trip this year in Damascus, Chirac underlines the fact that France sees Syria as holding the key to a comprehensive peace in the region.

Chirac's warm welcome highlighted a rapprochement between France and Syria, long at odds over Lebanon, a former French protectorate where Syria is the dominant power with 35,000 troops, since he took office 18 months ago.

Asked whether Lebanon was too long a problem in relations with Damascus, the French official said Chirac hoped through the peace process, an Israeli withdrawal from south Lebanon and the reconstruction of Lebanon would enable Beirut to "recover full independence."

Chirac's visit is only the second by a French president in the past 50 years.

Yeltsin replaces Lebed with loyal moderate

News agencies

MOSCOW - President Boris Yeltsin, in a surprise move, yesterday named a loyal moderate, Ivan Rybkin, to replace controversial retired general Alexander Lebed as his security chief.

Yeltsin dramatically sacked Lebed on Thursday, accusing him of a lack of team spirit and naked presidential ambitions. Yesterday he dismissed him as his representative in Chechnya.

In a short meeting, filmed by Yeltsin's press service, the president told Rybkin: "I am sure you will succeed. Good luck." The meeting took place in the Barvikha sanatorium outside Moscow, where the 65-year-old Kremlin leader is preparing for heart surgery, expected in mid-November.

Lebed reacted in typically scornful manner, dismissing Rybkin as an incompetent bureaucrat. Interfax news agency quoted Lebed as saying Rybkin is "unable to ensure the security of the country at a time when there are many dangers facing it."

Under Rybkin, the Security Council would "turn into a quiet bureaucratic office that no one will know about," Lebed said. The Kremlin press service said Yeltsin urged Rybkin to work in close cooperation with all branches of power in Russia. Lebed, in his four months in office, antagonized much of the Russian establishment with his uncoincidental president.

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Two SLA soldiers killed by Hizbullah bomb

Monitoring committee stops short of blaming Israel for civilian deaths

HILLEL KUTTLER and news agencies

TWO South Lebanese Army soldiers were killed and two badly wounded when a roadside bomb set off by Hizbullah gunmen exploded near their patrol in south Lebanon on Friday, security sources said.

They said the bomb exploded as the SLA militia patrol passed in the central sector of the security zone.

Two SLA men were immediately killed and two seriously wounded in the incident, bringing to 16 the number of militiamen killed in south Lebanon this year. Hizbullah attacks have also claimed the lives of 21 IDF soldiers this year.

In Beirut, a Hizbullah spokesman claimed responsibility for the attack.

Two civilians were wounded yesterday when UN peacekeepers detonated four land mines in south Lebanon, security sources said.

The sources said the anti-personnel explosives were uncovered by the civilians.

A UNIFIL patrol that happened to be traveling in the region detonated the land mines planted on the side of the road, near Tyre, with the help of a special UN team of explosive engineers and Lebanese army liaison officers.

The sources said two civilians were wounded as they watched the peacekeepers blow up the mine. One of them, a 21 year old, was taken to a south Lebanon hospital for treatment after he was hit by a shrapnel in his stomach while the other, 18, was treated on the spot.

Yesterday, terrorists fired mortars at SLA positions near Jezzine. No one was wounded and no damage was caused. IDF and SLA forces returned fire.

Meanwhile, the committee monitoring the Operation Grapes of Wrath cease-fire said Friday that it "deplored" the injuries caused to Lebanese civilians in Safed el-Batikh resulting from the recent IDF shelling there, but stopped short of blaming Israel.

The announcement was issued through the US State Department by David Greenlee, the America official who chairs the committee.

The statement held Israel at fault, saying the committee's investigation "confirmed that the injuries and destruction were caused by Israeli artillery fire."

The committee met from Monday through Friday at Nakoura, concluding its discussions on the October 11 incident in the morning, the IDF spokesman said in a statement.

During the discussions, an inspection was made of the sites where the IDF shelling occurred. The committee concluded that three houses were damaged in the village north of the security zone and a number of civilians were injured in IDF shelling, in retaliation for a Hizbullah attack on a South Lebanese Army position and IDF soldiers in zone.

However, the IDF spokesman issued an announcement saying the committee had not placed direct blame on Israel for the incident and did not conclude that Israel had violated the cease-fire understandings, as Lebanon and Syria had demanded.

Lebanon had complained to the group that the IDF shelling injured 13 Lebanese and caused infra-

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Knesset snub clouds Chirac visit

DAVID MAKOVSKY and LIAT COLLINS

FRENCH President Jacques Chirac, who arrives here tomorrow, is to address the quasi-parliamentary Palestinian Council in Ramallah on Wednesday, but has pointedly declined Israel's invitation to address the Knesset. His decision has aroused resentment here at an apparent snubbing of Israel's capital.

The French steadfastly deny their decision is an affront to Israeli sovereignty in Jerusalem, made in response to Israel's insistence that French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette not visit the Palestinians' Orient House in Jerusalem. It will be sending a deputy health minister to make the visit instead.

The director-general of President Ezer Weizman's bureau, Aryeh Shumer, is to meet today with Foreign Ministry and Knesset officials and the French ambassador in an effort to work out a face-saving compromise for the diplomatic crisis.

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon has announced he will cancel his participation in all special events planned for Chirac's visit unless he includes the Knesset in his itinerary.

"It is customary to hold a special

festive session at the Knesset on such occasions, at which the guest can address the plenum. This was the case with Chirac's predecessor, Francois Mitterrand, when he visited," Tichon said yesterday.

"The French president is a most distinguished guest and the Knesset is the most distinguished institution in Israel. I respect the president's decision to visit the Palestinian Legislative Council, but I am surprised at his decision not to visit the Knesset, which is the only democratic parliament in the region, representing all opinions and views in the country," Tichon said.

He said Israel has conveyed its "disappointment" to Paris via both Israel's ambassador there and the French ambassador in Tel Aviv. Tichon said he still hopes the president will include the Knesset on his schedule.

Labor faction chairman MK Ra'anan Cohen sent a telegram to Chirac asking him to reconsider his decision. "The Knesset represents the entire Israeli public," Cohen said. "A visit to the Knesset, like a visit to the Western Wall, is an obligation which goes beyond such considerations as (Continued on Page 2)

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# Officials deny reports of Assad agreeing to restart peace talks

SENIOR officials denied weekend press reports suggesting that former senior State Department official Edward Djerejian brought back from Damascus on Thursday a commitment by Syrian President Hafez Assad to unconditionally restart peace talks with Israel.

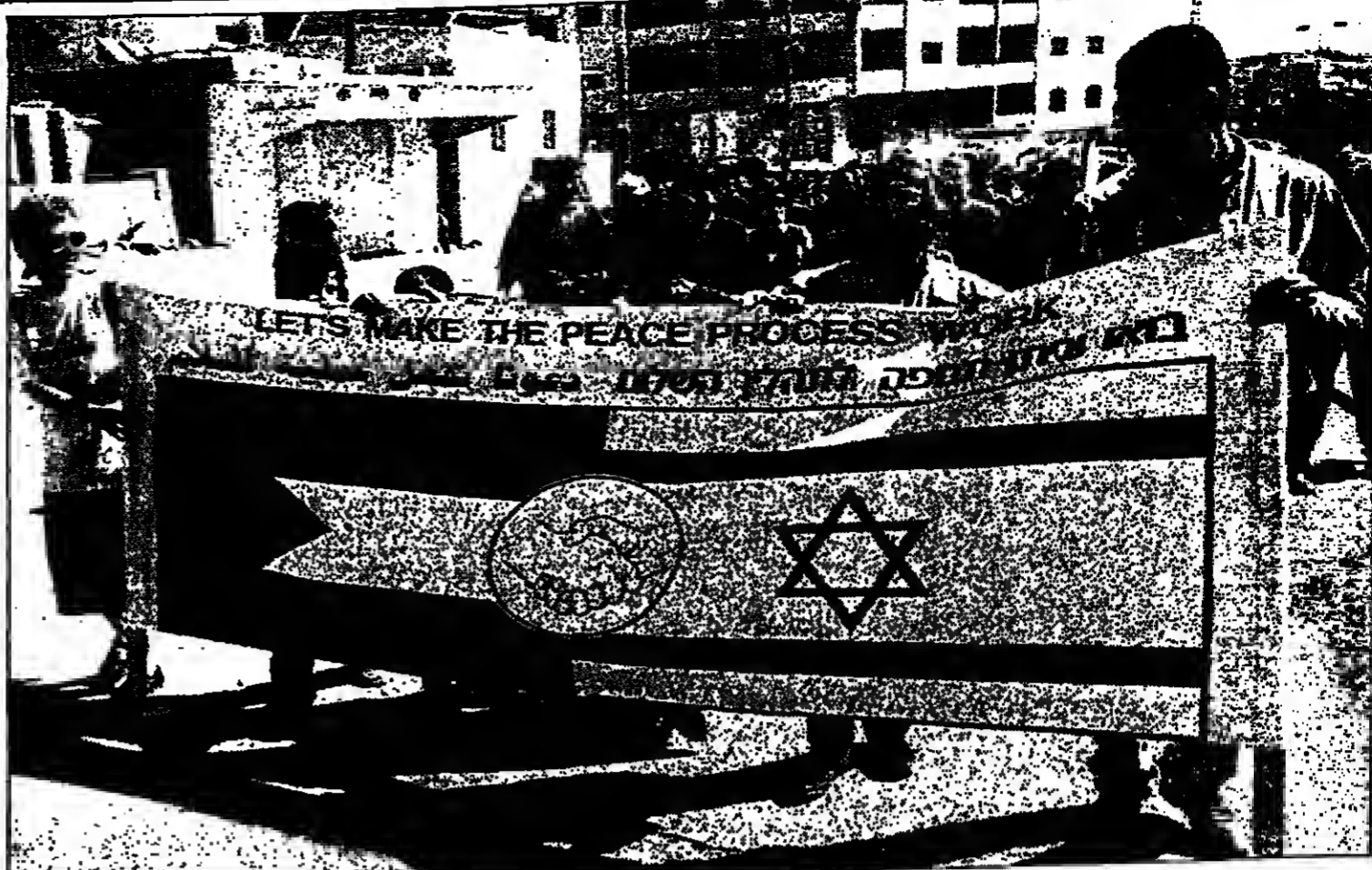
DAVID MAKOVSKY

1995 unsigned paper reached with Labor on Golan-related security arrangement principles, and adopts the verbal conditional suggestion by Yitzhak Rabin that he would cede the whole Golan up to the June 4, 1967 lines if he received satisfactory resolution of crucial security arrangements details and normalization of ties.

the notion of being bound by either past move by Labor. Therefore, given the months-long deadlock, there is no indication that such talks will resume.

Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser Dore Gold last night sought to make it absolutely clear that Israel will not accept any outside mediator, and is sticking to current US officials.

While thanking Djerejian for his impressions, Gold said, "We don't use former diplomats as a conduit for sensitive issues with Syria such as resumption of talks. The only channel is the official channel."



Meretz activists and Palestinians march together down the main street leading into Ramallah on Friday.

# Woman and children settlers protest any troop withdrawal from Hebron

SOME 100 Israeli women and children blocked the entrance to IDF military headquarters in Hebron Friday to protest any pull-out from the city.

News agencies

settler activist and leader of the group. "We demand from Binyamin Netanyahu that he keep his promises and not redeploy from Hebron," she added.

ernment intended to put "terrorists in uniform" in the city.

Matar, an Efrat resident, said the settlers "know that there are dovish and hawkish wings in the Likud; we do not know who will overcome, but we demand that Netanyahu ensure our security."

# Comedian Yatzen arrested for allegedly filing false income reports

RAINE MARCUS

COMEDIAN and satirist Eli Yatzen was arrested on alleged tax fraud offenses by the Customs and VAT authorities on Thursday, then released on bail the following morning by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court.

# KNESSET

(Continued from Page 1) criticizing the government, however legitimate that criticism might be.

In one response to the criticism, the French have noted that Chirac will be hosted at a state dinner tomorrow night at Beit Hanassi in Jerusalem.

There are hints that Chirac is keen on being seen as different from predecessor Mitterrand, who spoke at the Knesset during his visits here in 1982 and 1992.

Instead of the Knesset, Chirac is to speak at the Technion tomorrow and discuss technological cooperation between Israel and France.

Batsheva Tsur contributed to this report.

# NEWS IN BRIEF

**One killed, four hurt on roads**  
One person was killed and four were injured, one seriously, in two road accidents over the weekend. Driver Mohammed Tarbaya, 46, of Tamra in Western Galilee died in hospital of injuries sustained when his car collided head-on with another near Segev yesterday afternoon.

**Eitan: Fire Brodet immediately**  
Coalition chairman MK Michael Eitan yesterday demanded that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Finance Minister Dan Meridor immediately dismiss Finance Ministry Director-General David Brodet over derogatory remarks Brodet made about the cabinet in the press.

**Haredim continue Rehov Bar-Ilan protests**  
Hundreds of haredim demonstrated along Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan on Friday night and yesterday evening, in the second straight week of renewed protests to press for the closure of the road on Shabbat.

**Campaign for family reunification**  
Israeli and Palestinian families plan to join forces in a campaign to reunify thousands of Palestinian families who have been split up due to Jerusalem residency laws.

**Chaining patients to beds protested**  
The Israel Medical Association wrote a letter to the director-general of Hadassah-University Hospital, with a copy to Defense of Children International last week, saying "chaining patients to their bed should be prevented."

**Nanny sues Sara Netanyahu for back pay**  
A former nanny has sued Sara Netanyahu for NIS 86,674 in back pay, according to court documents obtained Friday.

# BOMB

(Continued from Page 1) structure damage. It said the attack violated the April 26 understanding brokered by Secretary of State Warren Christopher that called for civilian areas to neither be targeted nor used as a base for attacks.

Israel expressed sorrow for the injuries and damage but said it was "an unintended result of defensive counterfire following a Hizbullah mortar attack" and maintained the counterattack was "in a proportionate and restrained manner," the statement issued by the US read.

Syria and Lebanon disputed the Israeli claim, calling the shelling "deliberate" and aimed at "raising tension to prepare the ground for a wide Israeli military action."

The committee's military authority investigated the claims and counter-claims on both sides of the border, it added.

The committee is composed of the US and France (which chair it on a rotating basis), Israel, Lebanon and Syria.

# Meretz holds joint Jewish/Arab march in Ramallah

DOZENS of Meretz Party members, led by MKs Dedi Zucker, Anat Maor and Walid Sadek, marched with scores of Ramallah residents on Friday from the Jerusalem-Ramallah road to the Al-Bireh Municipality.

Meretz delegation had come to show solidarity with the residents of Al-Bireh and Ramallah by joining in a protest against the continuing delays in the peace process.

# Police recommend indicting 'Yediot' publisher

RAINE MARCUS

THE National Crimes Squad has concluded its investigation of senior Yediot Aharonot personnel and recommended to the district attorney that the daily's publisher, Noni Mozes, and security officer Haim Rozenberg be indicted on various charges, according to police sources.

money to pay for such services without the knowledge of shareholders, whom he is currently fighting for control of the paper in Tel Aviv District Court.

# Cohen: Less than 10% of reservists called up served in recent duty

ONLY 29 of 331 reservists called up recently for reserve guard duty in Nabulus actually served, or less than 10 percent, Labor MK Ra'anan Cohen said yesterday.

In a statement issued by the Labor Party last night, Cohen said he had called for an urgent meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee with Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and the head of IDF manpower to discuss the problem of evasion of reserve duty in the territories.

Cohen said that the chief IDF education officer had been instructed to call up for training today hundreds of reservists who have been serving as lecturers. According to Cohen, these lecturers have not been called up years, have not had target practice and are not fit to serve in sensitive areas in the territories.

He noted that reservists who return from service in the settlements and the Nabulus area complain of a lack of training, unclear instructions, a lack of vehicles, and being treated with contempt by settlers.

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of my husband, our father, grandfather and great-grandfather  
**Rabbi SEYMOUR ZAMBROWSKY** ז"ל  
In Jerusalem on Shabbat Kodesh, October 19, 1996.  
A man of virtue and lover of mankind, Rabbi Zambrowsky ז"ל was a past president of World Mizrahi-Hapoel Mizrahi and chairman of Mizrahi Canada, and one of the founders of Bar-Ilan University and a member of its board of directors.  
For funeral arrangements please call: 02-566-2170.  
The family: Wife, Belle; Daughter, Rena and her husband, Rabbi Karpol Bender; Son, Joshua, and his wife, Sue-Ann; Grandchildren and great-grandchildren.  
Shiva at his home: Rehov Ahad Ha'am 16, Jerusalem.

**ESTHER LEAH SHECKMAN**  
On the first yahrzeit since her reinterment in Israel we would like to announce the unveiling today, Sunday, October 20, 1996, at Shikun Vatikim Cemetery, Netanya.  
We will meet at the gate at 11:15 a.m.  
Dorothy and Gus Stone  
Martyn and Dicky Refson

**ברוך דין אמת**  
With deep sorrow we announce the passing of our father and grandfather  
**Reb JONA ZEEV**  
son of Chaver Dov Wolpe ז"ל  
The funeral took place on Friday, October 18, 1996 (5 Heshvan, 5757) Shiva at Kibbutz Lavi  
May the Almighty comfort you together with all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem  
Son: Dov and Miriam Wolpe  
Daughter: Yehudit and Jerry Frankle  
Grandchildren and great-grandchildren  
Beit Kibbutz Lavi

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# Iraqi-backed Kurds push against PUK in Sulaimaniya offensive

ARBIL, Iraq (Reuters) - The Iraqi-backed Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) hit out on three fronts on yesterday, as it moved forward on Sulaimaniya, the stronghold of the rival Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK).

"We took the town of Ranya early this morning. We went to Ranya along three routes, along Hiran, Balisan, and Koy Sanjak, flushing the PUK out as we went," said Zaim Ali, the local KDP commander.

Ali said the KDP had lost 22 men in the latest fighting, while the PUK had lost more than 60. There was no independent confirmation.

"Once we clean up our Iranian border, we will move our forces towards Sulaimaniya," he said.

The latest fighting between the two rival Kurdish factions broke out around August 31, when the KDP sought help from Iraqi forces to capture Arbil from the PUK.

The KDP went on to capture all three Kurdish provinces in the region, but last week the PUK

began a counter-assault, retaking Sulaimaniya and advancing back to Arbil.

The KDP, after losing some ground, appears now to be on the offensive, although PUK claims that Iraqi forces have again intervened to help the KDP are denied by the group and cannot be confirmed.

An official at the KDP's headquarters in the nearby town of Salahuddin said the capture of Ranya was part of a strategy to assault a series of positions near the Iranian border to cut off the PUK from what the KDP says are its Iranian allies.

KDP leader Massoud Barzani was on his way to Ranya, and the guerrillas were moving their heavy weapons east towards the newly-fallen town.

The KDP official in Salahuddin said the faction was attacking the PUK on two other fronts - at Chuman to the northeast close to the border with Iran and the towns of Khalakan and Kani Watman near the key Dukan Dam south of Ranya.

The Dukan Dam supplies power to most of the area around the main regional city of Arbil.

Senior US diplomat Robert Pelletreau was due to hold talks with Barzani next week - probably in Turkey - to try and end the latest conflict between the two Kurdish groups.

Washington was set to evacuate hundreds of Kurds who worked for US-affiliated groups in northern Iraq, nominally under Western protection since the end of the 1991 Gulf war.

"Around 700 (including family) are due to cross soon," an official at the Habur border crossing with Iraq told Reuters.

The Kurds are due to stay in the Turkish border town of Silopi before leaving for the Pacific island of Guam.

The United States evacuated more than 2,000 Kurds, including family, who had worked for them as drivers, translators, guides, computer operators, and reportedly even as spies, after Baghdad intervened in last month's fighting.

# Afghan government forces capture key positions

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan (Reuters) - Government forces backed by the artillery of Uzbek Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum captured Bagram military airfield north of Kabul overnight, witnesses said yesterday.

They also seized two other important objectives: the nearby Bagram junction and the town of Qara Bagh.

Reporters who travelled to the scene of the attacks, about 60 km north of the capital, found Taliban forces that held the positions on Friday had retreated.

Tanks and troops loyal to government commander Ahmad Shah Masood were in firm control of all three locations.

Hundreds of Masood's heavily armed fighters strolled along the main road inside the air-base on yesterday, smiling and shouting greetings to comrades arriving by the truck-load.

Government tanks clanked into new positions around the perimeter of the base, which looked more like an aircraft disassembly line than the powerful military airfield it was during the heyday of the Soviet Union's occupation of Afghanistan.

About 15 dilapidated fighter aircraft, transport planes, and helicopter carcasses of Soviet style and vintage, were parked along the taxiways near the hangers or on the grass infields - all well past their sell-by date.

hurtles rather than recent fighting.

Out along the main runway, which sits in a plain surrounded by snow-capped mountains, at least eight jet fighters sat flanked by blast barriers, in position, if not in condition, to fly.

Government troops said Taliban militiamen had mined the area around the planes, making it impossible to approach them for closer inspection.

Although reporters saw the bodies of two dead Taliban fighters on the runway, the base itself bore little evidence of the fierce rocket and artillery barrage from Masood and Dostum forces which finally dislodged the Taliban shortly after dark on Friday evening.

Most of the fighting apparently occurred along trench lines at the perimeter of the sprawling facility.

Bagram town, also undamaged, was occupied by government troops, as were the junctions for the old and new roads south to Kabul.

Qara Bagh, about 45 km north of Kabul and south of the Bagram junction on the old road, was also firmly in the hands of Masood's forces.

"We captured Qara Bagh last night at about two in the morning. We came with three tanks and 600 men and the Taliban withdrew without a fight," said a beaming Karim Mohab Rahman, Masood's commander in the area. "We captured three tanks, six trucks, and a lot of ammunition, now we are ready to push them

out of Kabul."

It appeared yesterday afternoon that Taliban troops were trying to form a new defensive line about 10 km south of Qara Bagh and about the same distance south of Bagram.

The capture of Bagram and Qara Bagh has shown that the combined forces of Masood and Dostum would be a match for Taliban.

Masood, at one time the government defense minister, and Dostum, an independent military power who has been Masood's sometime rival and enemy, have joined to confront the common threat they perceive from Taliban forces who captured Kabul three weeks ago.

Ultra-conservative in their interpretation of Islam, largely Pashtun in their ethnic makeup, and alleged to be deeply in the pocket of neighboring Pakistan, the Taliban have earned the ire of Masood's northern Tajiks and Dostum's Uzbeks.

Dostum's front-line commander in the hills northwest of Qara Bagh said that his tanks and artillery had fired upon Taliban forces around Bagram on Friday after themselves being targeted.

But he said his forces were not advancing, even though Masood's forces were pushing south towards Kabul.

Unanswered was the question whether Masood intends to try to press on to Kabul without Dostum, or whether there might be a pause to give peace talks which have been underway this week a chance to bear fruit.

## Poll shows Dole in post-debate gain

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Republican Bob Dole closed the gap in his race with President Bill Clinton for a second straight day, following the Wednesday presidential debate, according to yesterday's daily Reuters tracking poll.

Dole got 36.8 percent in the John Zogby Group International poll, up from 34.6%, against 44.6% for Clinton, up from 43.6%.

The poll of 900 likely voters, with a 3.3% margin of error, showed support for independent candidate Ross Perot fell to 5.1% from 5.8%.

Zogby said today's poll would likely see further Dole gains because they reflected a rolling average of three days, and Wednesday's results were low, while the post-debate results on Thursday and Friday rose.

But he added that while Dole increased his margin after the first debate, it later fell off.

Zogby said yesterday's poll showed Dole winning support from his Republican base, but he has not broken new ground.

He said Dole has not won over political moderates or got new support among white men.

"What we're seeing here is the result of Republicans coming back home. But that is not going to be enough," he said.

Zogby said if today's figures show another Dole increase, "we are looking at a tightening of the race. But the magic number for Dole is 40%. He has failed to reach that number in our poll or anyone's."

In House races, the poll showed Republicans ahead 41.5% to 37.5%, a drop from Friday's showing of 39.5% to 38.7%, and in the Senate, the Republicans led by 42.7% to 37.4%, against 41.1% to 37.9% on Friday.

Zogby said Republicans are now seemingly safe in both the Senate and House, but if Clinton widens his lead, that could change.

"Our rule is that if Clinton is ahead by 10 points," he said, "the Democrats take the House, and if there is a 13 point lead, the Democrats take the Senate."

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### German police find body of Fiszman

WIESBADEN (Reuters) - German police said yesterday a body they had found in woodland outside Frankfurt was almost certainly that of kidnapped multimillionaire Jakob Fiszman. "According to the information we have so far, we believe that in all probability, verging on certainty, the body is that of Jakob Fiszman," regional police chief Klaus Timm told a news conference.

Fiszman was kidnapped outside his office on October 1 and the last sign that he was alive came when he made a telephone call to a friend the following day. Timm said the body was found partly covered by leaves and a fallen tree near in woodland around 50 km from Frankfurt. "I can't make any statement on the cause of death or whether he was killed where he was found," he added.

#### Tens of thousands flee Zaire fighting

KIGALI (Reuters) - Some 46,000 Rwandan and Burundian Hutu refugees have fled two camps in eastern Zaire, where the Zairean army is battling ethnic Tutsis, a spokesman for the UN refugee agency said yesterday.

"The populations of both Kagunga and Rumungo (camps), some 46,000 refugees, have all moved - some to Uvira, some into the hills above Uvira, some into banana plantations, and the remainder have dispersed," said Paul Stromberg, spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in neighboring Rwanda. "Because of difficulty in assessing the area outside Uvira, even normal activities are in question. We have only been able to distribute aid in and around Uvira."

#### N. Ireland Protestants stage peaceful parade

LONDONDERRY (Reuters) - A Protestant parade which had raised Northern Ireland tension went off almost without incident yesterday. Angry Catholic demonstrators protesting at what they called triumphalism boomed and jeered and a few bottles were thrown, as 200 members of the Protestant Apprentice Boys order marched around Londonderry's city walls. But fears of fresh violence erupting in a highly-charged climate after the bombing of Britain's Northern Ireland army base by Catholic-backed IRA terrorists almost two weeks ago proved unfounded.

#### Egypt to try 19 for tourist, cinema attacks

CAIRO (Reuters) - Egypt will put on trial 19 suspected Moslem militants on charges of bombing a busload of Austrian tourists and raking a Cairo cinema with machine-gun fire in December 1993, security sources said yesterday. They said Attorney-General Hisham Saraya had not yet set a date for the trial at the State Supreme Court. Saraya's office also said the men killed police Col. Ahmed Shalash outside his home in Cairo in 1994, and that they had attempted to assassinate other key political figures.

The 19 defendants, including two juveniles, were also charged with belonging to Egypt's largest militant group, the Gama'a al-Islamiya (Islamic Group).

Egypt has so far sentenced around 70 people to death, 53 of whom have been executed. About six are on death row and 16 on the run.

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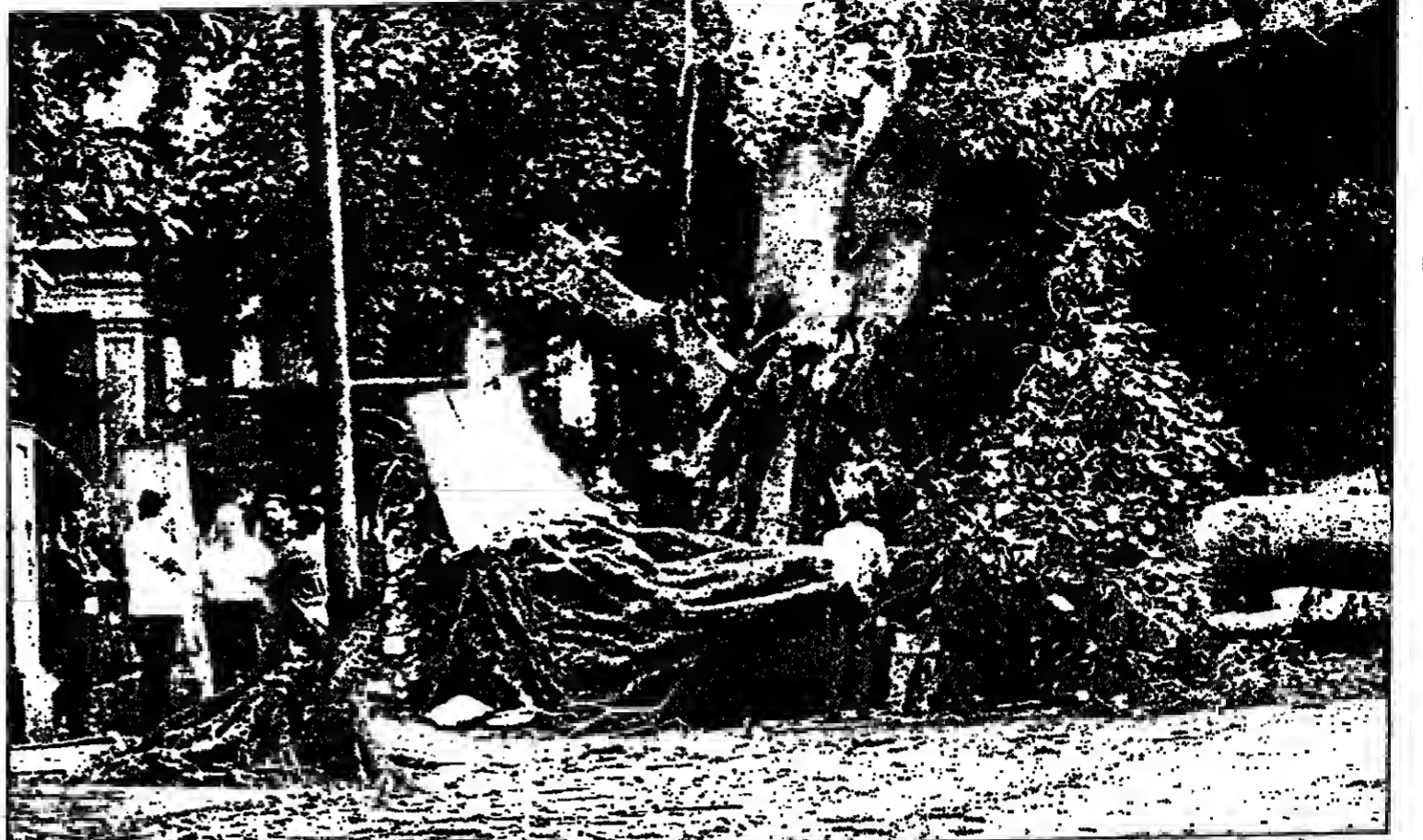
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YOUTH SEES

WORLD NEWS

US warned of nerve gas danger during Gulf War - report

NEW YORK (Reuters) - US military commanders were warned repeatedly by Czech soldiers that they had identified Iraqi chemical weapons on the Gulf War battlefield, and that the toxins were wafting over unprotected American troops. The New York Times reported yesterday.



Residents in Matanzas province east of Havana survey damage left by hurricane Lily on Friday. Lily's 150 kph winds and torrential rains missed the Cuban capital.

Hurricane Lili lashes Bahamas, as Cuba surveys cost of damage

SAN SALVADOR, Bahamas (Reuters) - Hurricane Lili hit the Bahamas head on yesterday, ripping off roofs, snapping palm trees, and downing telegraph poles, but no casualties were reported.

Thursday night and on Friday. There were no casualties reported but about 7,000 homes were damaged, most of them partially, state media said.

At the Club Med resort, angry tourists complained they received little advice about how to cope with a hurricane.

Rybkin exact opposite of ousted Lebed

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Ivan Rybkin, named yesterday as Russia's new security chief after Alexander Lebed's abrupt dismissal, is as quiet as his predecessor was loud.

reserve general with a booming voice and a love of publicity who very much wants to be president.

He gradually turned into a Yeltsin ally, while keeping a certain distance between himself and the president and taking care not to antagonize his former parties.

Solving poverty tough task for next Nicaraguan leader

MANAGUA (Reuters) - The winner of Nicaragua's presidential election will face the monumental task of rebuilding the economy of one of Latin America's poorest countries, where more than half the population lacks a job.

Children crowd Managua's street corners begging for change, crime and prostitution are soaring, and the suicide rate is up 20% over 1995, police statistics show.

A CID-Gallup poll showed that 77% of Nicaraguans think poverty is the most important election issue. The two leading presidential candidates have both made job creation their main priority, but are weak on details on how to do it.

O.J. lawyers to play the cop card

SANTA MONICA, California (AP) - Forget the "race card" in this O.J. Simpson trial, with its mostly white jury. Instead, members of the panel are willing to at least glance at another part of the hand his lawyers are dealing, the "cop card."

Race is an issue because Simpson is black and his ex-wife was white.

Still, this jury may need some - perhaps a lot of - convincing that police turned bad in the Simpson case.

Simpson's criminal case, where many jurors came from neighborhoods where relations with police are often unpleasant.

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# AMERICAN OUTLOOK

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## Hot fusion

### Court case could change face of U.S. politics

BY JASON GRAY ZENGERLE

For third parties in the United States, this should be the season of discontent. Though voters don't seem especially enamored of the major-party candidates for U.S. president, they aren't exactly rushing into the arms of the Green Party's Ralph Nader or the Libertarian Party's Harry Browne, either. Even Ross Perot, whose 19 percent showing in 1992 made him the most credible third-party candidate since Teddy Roosevelt, seems to have lost much of his appeal. Yet this fall may turn out to be the most important moment for third parties in recent memory. In November, while its better-known third-party brethren are getting trounced at the polls, the "progressive" New Party will be preparing for a date before the U.S. Supreme Court. If it wins its case, third parties will be playing by new and more favorable rules than they ever have before.

At issue in the case are state statutes that prevent a candidate from running on more than one party ticket. On the books in 40 states and the District of Columbia only nine months ago, but now found in seven fewer jurisdictions thanks to New Party court challenges, such bans prohibit the appearance of a candidate on more than one party line on the ballot. That prohibition might sound inoffensive enough, but for third parties it's a huge impediment, one that relegates them to the fringes and deprives them of the leverage they could gain by offering or withholding a second ballot line to a major-party candidate. Fusion bans, as they're known, afflict third parties with the "wasted-vote syndrome" — even if you love their platform, you're reluctant to throw your vote away on candidates with no serious chance of winning. But, when fusion is permitted, minor parties can form electoral coalitions with other parties running more viable candidates, and an otherwise futile third-party vote can become a meaningful one. By fostering more competition, participation and representation in American politics, fusion is a simple way to invigorate the electoral system.

In most of the world's democracies — which enjoy proportional representation systems — third, fourth and even fifth parties are political forces, because parties are awarded a percentage of seats in their legislatures roughly proportionate to their share of the popular vote. But in America's winner-take-all system, third, or minority, parties are by definition largely precluded from any meaningful role in the electoral and political processes. Fusion, however, is a peculiar American version of proportional representation, in that it works within a winner-take-all system

to encourage the same type of coalition building fostered by proportional representation.

Nineteenth-century American politics were characterized by vital third parties and, not coincidentally, by the nationwide use of fusion. Fusion allowed third parties like the Grangers, the Greenbackers, the Independents and the Populists to cross-nominate major-party candidates and to wield real political clout. In 1892, the fusion between the Democratic Party and the Populist "People's Party" carried Grover Cleveland to the White House. But, ironically, such success helped to doom the practice: Embittered Progressives and Republicans in many state legislatures, fearful of increased minority representation, started passing anti-fusion statutes, and the third-party force began to fade.

In states where fusion is still legal, however, third parties have maintained their vigor. In New York, for example, former New York City Mayors Fiorello LaGuardia and John Lindsay ran successfully on fusion tickets, and current Mayor Rudy Giuliani owes his office to the practice. In his 1993 campaign for mayor, Giuliani ran as both the Republican and the Liberal Party nominee, and it was the 62,469 votes he received on the Liberal Party line that gave him his 53,340-vote edge over Democrat David Dinkins.

Of all the major and minor American parties, though, it is the 4-year-old New Party — a melange of labor activists, environmentalists, community organizers and academics all seeking a liberal alternative to the Democratic Party — that best recognizes fusion's potential. With 7,500 dues-paying members (compared with 100,000 Democratic Party members and 700,000 Republicans) and chapters in 11 states, the New Party has not yet reached its goal of being a national party. But if it is successful in its legal strategy to repeal fusion bans, it will have made perhaps the most significant impact on the American political system of any third party in the 20th century.

Sarah Siskind and New Party Chair Joel Rogers, a husband-and-wife duo of Madison, Wis., lawyers, began their legal crusade against anti-fusion statutes in 1990, when they filed a federal suit challenging Wisconsin's ban on multiple-party nominations. In 1991 the suit was tossed out by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit, but Siskind and Rogers persevered, filing a suit in 1994 on behalf of the New Party that challenged Minnesota's anti-fusion law. This past January, the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals found in favor of the New Party, concluding that anti-fusion statutes infringed upon First Amendment rights to political association. "A party has a First Amendment right to select and place on the ballot the person it wants to be its standard-bear-

er," Siskind explains. "It's as simple as that."

Faced with a split between the 7th and 8th Circuits, the Supreme Court accepted Minnesota's petition and agreed to hear arguments on fusion this fall. Minnesota will contend that anti-fusion laws are justified by the state's compelling interest in minimizing voter confusion and preventing the splintering of major political parties. The New Party's case, based as before on First Amendment claims, will be argued by Harvard law professor Laurence Tribe, whose success in swaying the swing vote in a slew of major cases before the Court has earned him the nickname "the 10th justice." By the spring of 1997, fusion bans may be a thing of the past.

And that could lead to a profound change in the nature of American elections. Fusion could produce a protest vote that actually counts. It could allow voters to express support for particular aspects of a candidate's program, while repudiating others: A vote for Clinton on a hypothetical New Party line, for example, could represent a thumbs-down on welfare reform legislation and an endorsement of his pledge to fix it.

Most important, though, the repeal of fusion bans could make America's winner-take-all system dramatically more hospitable to third parties. The Reform Party (if it is indeed an actual party, as it claims, and not a cult of personality) would likely be the short-term beneficiary, because it is now the highest-profile and best-financed of the third parties. In the long term, however, it is the New Party that hopes to gain the most from a repeal of fusion bans. Its electoral strategy keeps it relentlessly focused on the unglamorous task of building the party from the bottom up, rather than squandering valuable resources on quadrennial presidential campaigns. With that strategy in mind, the New Party has wisely refused to enter races it cannot win. Instead, since the New Party's founding in 1992, it has run its own "credible" candidates in 122 municipal elections and won 83 of them, picking up about 1 million votes along the way. Its involvement in statewide and national contests is limited to only a few races where it has pursued fusion with a major-party candidate.

Even if they pave the political road for others, the New Party figures, it will have made its mark. "If nothing else," says party chair Rogers, "this could be our contribution to American democracy."

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## When tragedies can't be explained

BY SAUNDRA SMOKES

During my Monday-morning prayer time, when I was late and rushed, the blurry faces of two young strangers flashed across my mind's screen.

They belonged to Jennifer Bolduc and Sarah Hajney, 16-year-old best friends, cheerleaders at a high school in Dryden, N.Y., about 30 minutes away from my hometown. They were last seen at breakfast time on Friday morning and had not made it to school by 9 a.m.

I was about to pray that they were safe, that they would come home, but a feeling of numbness set in, and the words would not come.

I don't know if the words that did come were spoken out loud or just lingered in the pit of my stomach, but I heard, "It's too late."

A short time later, I heard the television blaring in another room. State police had declared that Jennifer and Sarah were presumed dead, although their bodies had not been recovered.

Days later, our upstate New York community would learn that a 31-year-old man named John B. Andrews, the next-door neighbor of Sarah, was charged with abducting the girls that Friday morning and murdering them in an awful way.

What tragedy so often does to a community is to stop — no, jolt — its members in their tracks. Differences and disputes, complaints about the job, the weather and other people seem petty and trivial.

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But the deaths of the two best friends is what I call an "unfigurable" tragedy.

They did not live in a place where crime was part of the fabric of the neighborhood. They lived in a rural area with a population of about 15,000.

They did not disappear in the dark of the night, but in the light of morning.

They were not where they were not supposed to be. They were at home, house-sitting with a male school friend, while Sarah's parents were away on vacation.

They were said to be responsible young women, which is why when they did not come to school that Friday morning people knew something was wrong.

And it is unlikely that the townspeople would have picked out John B. Andrews, who lived in the house Sarah and her family once lived in, as a person who could be a suspect in a brutal murder.

Unfigurable. Unexplainable.

In fact, the teen-agers' community has lived with the unexplainable for the last several years. A family of five murdered. The high school football coach killed while trying to protect his daughter from a stalker. Two teen-age brothers killed, a year and a half apart, in car accidents. And, just a few weeks ago, an employee charged with killing his boss.

But it is the unpreventable part that especially shakes not only the girls' neighbors, but also everyone — especially the caretakers of children.

Can't even teen-agers be left alone?

Should we suspect every stranger? Should we suspect our neighbors? Co-workers? Friends?

Should we let caution turn to paranoia? Should we always think in terms of potential danger, harm and tragedy?

During the evening after my morning prayers, I went to a university lecture. I saw one of my friends. She said her 16-year-old daughter, Kyla, was coming along, but she had gone to find a friend at the dorm, who was going to attend the lecture with her.

I thought of the news about the best friends.

I thought of another teen-ager in our town, April Gregory, an 18-year-old who was dropped off at her dorm at the university and has not been seen since May 25.

My heart was beating. I was scared for Kyla, but I didn't want to scare her mother.

I said a silent prayer, and this time the words came.

When Kyla showed up, I gave a little pat-on-the-back hug. She had no idea that I had been fretting over her.

I was thankful.

Tragedy has a way of making us confused, fearful, united in pain and sadness, yet prayerful — and thankful.

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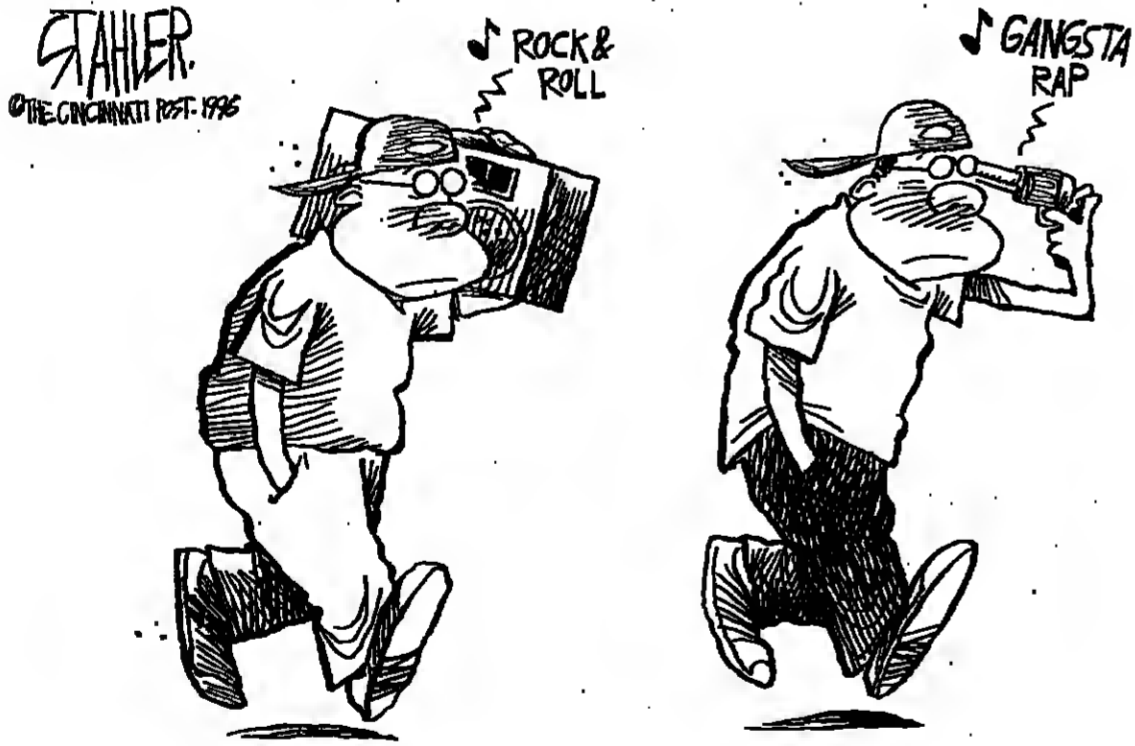
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"IT SAYS: 'ON THIS SPOT, ALMOST 2,000 YEARS AGO, PEACE TALKS BROKE DOWN AGAIN.'"



## Minimum-wage bill just a boon for big business

By JOHN JUDIS

**T**his is a cause for celebration for all Americans of all parties, all walks of life, all faiths. By coming together across lines that have too often divided us and finding common ground, we have made this a real season of achievement for the people of America." Bill Clinton said, as he signed the minimum-wage bill Aug. 20. The close of the 104th Congress occasioned many such moments of self-congratulation, as Congress passed a flurry of legislation with bipartisan support. Even liberals were impressed. But beneath the carapace of constructive reform lies a legislative record filled with our rages. And the minimum-wage bill, supposedly the great progressive achievement of this year, is no exception. It may actually be the best example of all.

The bill that raised the minimum wage from \$4.25 to \$5.15 an hour is called the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996. It contains several measures that Republicans sought for their allies in the National Federation of Independent Business and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Most of these — like an increase in the amount the self-employed can deduct for health insurance — were either innocuous or commendable. But the bill also includes at least 10 other significant provisions aimed at neither small business owners nor their employees. And they more than negate whatever good the bill may do. Here are the lowlights:

### LEVERAGED BUYOUTS

In a moment of temporary sanity, Congress put into the 1986 tax reform bill a measure preventing firms that engage in leveraged buyouts (LBOs) from claiming a tax deduction for the exorbitant fees they pay investment banks and advisers. The measure removed the incentive for such buyouts, which, during their height in the 1980s, had distorted investment priorities, bankrupted firms and led to laid-off workers. This year's minimum-wage bill once again makes these fees deductible and does so retroactively, producing a billion-dollar windfall for companies that contested the 1986 ruling.

And Congress didn't stop there. In the past, one kind of LBO was generally worthwhile — employee buyouts of companies that would otherwise have closed. Congress even provided a special incentive for these buyouts by allowing banks to exclude half the interest payments they receive on loans for employee buyouts. But Congress stuck into the minimum-wage bill a provision eliminating that incentive. In short, the bill rewards managers that engage in high-stakes LBOs intended merely to

enrich themselves and their investment advisers but penalizes employees trying to save their own ailing companies.

### MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS

During the Cold War, Congress, eager to prop up our allies' economies in Europe and Asia, provided incentives for American firms to invest overseas. American multinationals didn't have to pay U.S. taxes on their foreign income unless or until they repatriated it, and they could deduct whatever payments they had already made to foreign governments. By the Cold War's end, these incentives had outlived their usefulness. In the 1992 campaign, candidate Clinton promised to eliminate them, but in 1993 his administration predictably backed down, merely requiring overseas firms to reinvest their unrepatriated profits in foreign plants and equipment rather than banking them. This year's Congress, in a minimum-wage bill supposedly aimed at helping low-income workers, rescinded even that caveat. So the Treasury still won't be able to tax the profits, and now multinational corporations won't even have to do anything useful with them.

### PENSIONS

Most workers and companies assume the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) protects their pensions from insurance company abuse and incompetence. According to ERISA, when a company gives insurance companies its pension funds to manage and invest, the companies must do so "solely in the interest of workers and retirees." If the insurance companies take enormous fees for themselves or invest the funds in risky ventures, they can be sued. But for two decades insurance companies have tried to convince the courts that they shouldn't be subject to

ERISA. In 1993 the Supreme Court ruled clearly in *John Hancock v. Harris Trust* that they were. The 104th Congress came to the rescue. In the minimum-wage bill, Senate Republican and Democratic leaders inserted a last-minute rider effectively reversing the Supreme Court decision and making insurance companies subject to a lesser standard of conduct. The measure, dubbed the ERISA Clarification Act, was even applied retroactively to what companies did prior to this year.

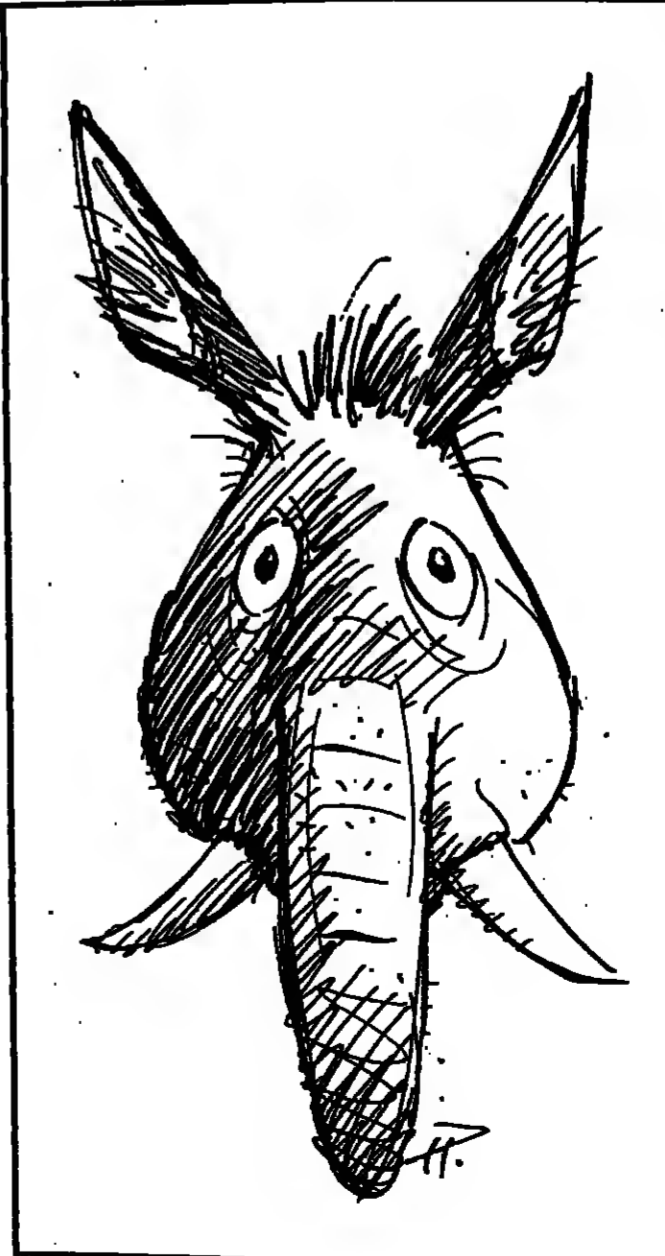
There's more. The minimum-wage bill eliminated a requirement that companies extend to lower-wage employees the same pension benefits they grant higher-paid workers; and it ended a surtax on one-year pension withdrawals over \$150,000, a boon to the ultra-rich. The bill removed a surtax on luxury car purchases and on diesel fuel for yachts. And it allowed newspaper publishers to treat their distributors and carriers as independent carriers rather than employees, so they won't have to pay their Social Security and unemployment compensation.

As often happens, Congress used a bill touted as poor relief as cover for its pandering to some of the most powerful lobbies in Washington — investment banks, multinationals like Microsoft and Johnson & Johnson, life insurance firms and newspaper publishers. Republicans took the lead. Oklahoma Senator Don Nickles pressed for the change in LBO tax laws. House Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer, as always, championed tax breaks for the wealthy. But all these measures enjoyed bipartisan support. Life insurance companies got both Kansas Senator Nancy Kassebaum and Connecticut Senator Chris Dodd to press their case. Secretary of Labor Robert Reich wrote a letter endorsing the changes in ERISA. And, of the 16 members of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, only two, Paul Simon and Paul Wellstone, dissented.

What about the 104th Congress' other great achievements? Senators Kassebaum and Kennedy claimed their health care reform bill required insurers to cover people with pre-existing conditions, and both President Clinton and Bob Dole have crowed about it on the stump. But the bill doesn't limit what the insurers charge and allows them to shunt these undesirables off to Medicaid-like high-risk pools. Welfare reform expands the supply of low-wage job applicants without expanding the supply of jobs, holding down the wages that the minimum-wage bill was supposed to raise. A "cause for celebration for all Americans"? I don't think so.

John Judis is a senior editor of *The New Republic*, in which this article first appeared.

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# SUNDAY COMICS

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### Doonesbury

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TEEN PUT US IN FACING AGAIN?

DO YOU THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME WE RECONSIDER OUR POLICY?

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO IT, YOU'VE GOT TO TELL US NOW. I DON'T WANT TO BE YOUNG.

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### PEANUTS

HERE HE COMES... ALL SMILES...

GUESS WHERE I'VE BEEN. I'VE BEEN TO HOLLYWOOD.

AND GUESS WHO I RAN INTO. MICKEY MOUSE!

HE WAS NICE TO ME. WE SAT AND TALKED FOR A LONG TIME. I GUESS HE'S MADE A LOT OF MONEY...

I TOLD HIM ABOUT HOW I LIVE OUT HERE ON THE DESERT. AND HOW HOT THE SAND CAN GET ON YOUR FEET.

AND THEN YOU KNOW WHAT HE DID?

HE GAVE ME HIS SHOES!

### STP

By Jeff Meyers

I HAVE A BREF STATEMENT...

FOLLOWED BY A SPRINT FOR THE DOOR.

AS YOU KNOW, A PROMINENT POLITICAL CONSULTANT HAS ADMITTED TO CAUKING WITH A WELL-KNOWN BIRD.

THIS KIND OF BEHAVIOR CANNOT BE TOLERATED.

I CANNOT AFFORD TO HAVE TRUSTED FRIENDS HANGING OUT WITH UNREPUTABLE CHARACTERS.

ESPECIALLY WHEN I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF A TOUGH RE-ELECTION FIGHT.

THEREFORE, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY...

MY GIRLFRIEND HAS RESIGNED FROM THE CAMPAIGN.

### Calvin and Hobbes

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SNOW PANTS.

WELL? LET'S HAVE SOME SNOW!

IT'S SNOWING! I CAN MAKE IT SNOW! I'M PSYCHOKINETIC! HEY! HEY!

OH, HE'S GOING TO HATE ME FOR THIS.

WAIT CAUTION Wipe your feet

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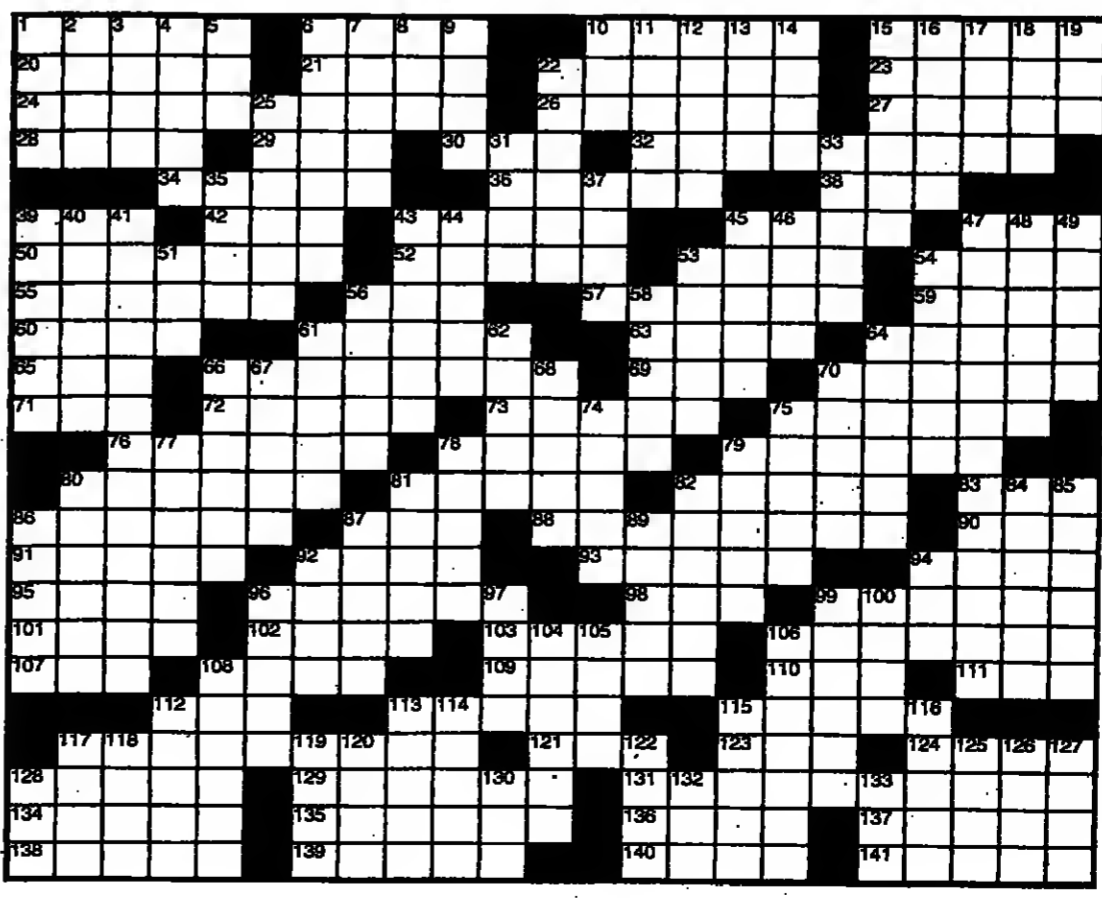
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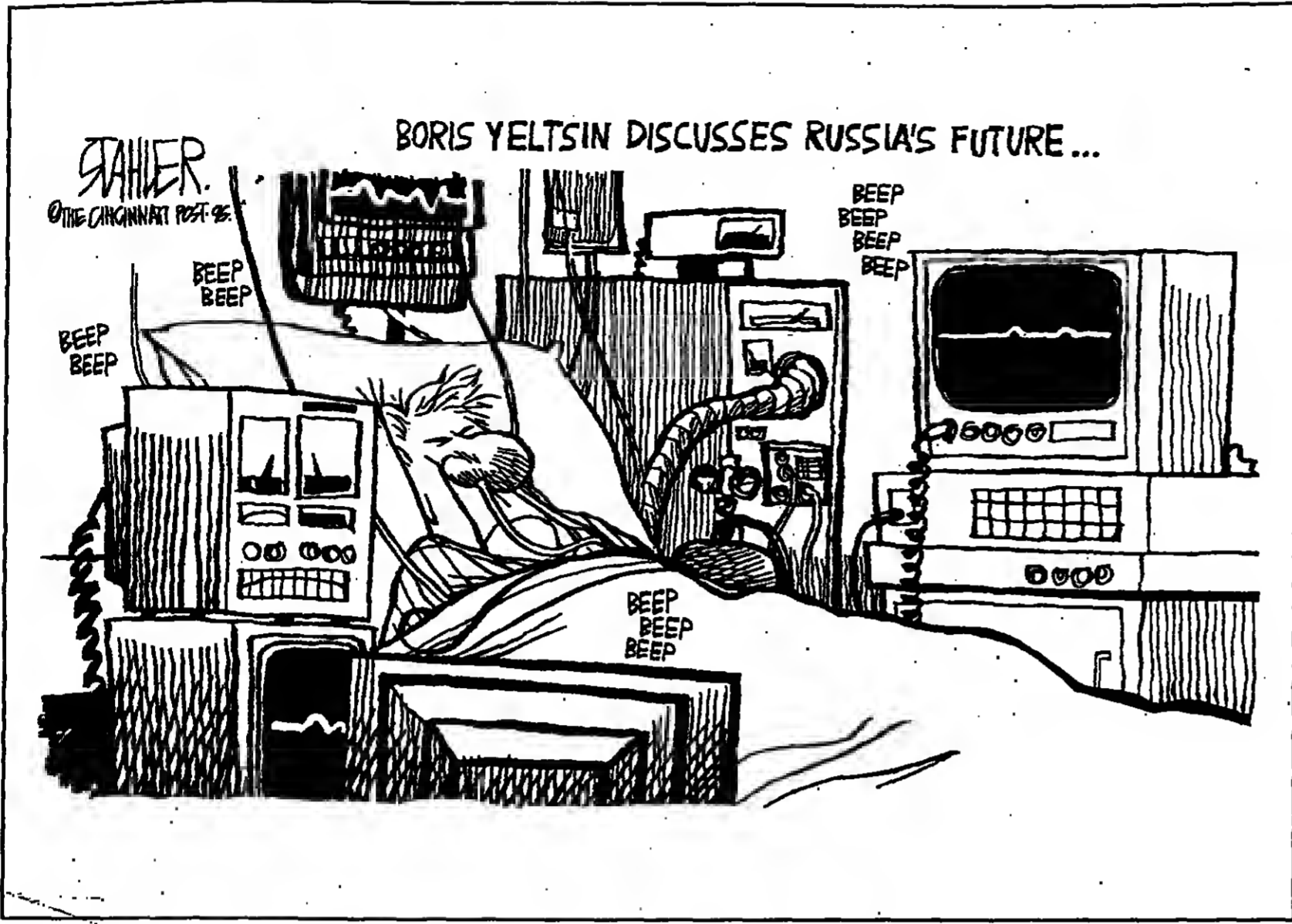
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  - 22 Saudi Arabian city
  - 23 Spanish province
  - 24 Student's evaluation
  - 26 Public speaker
  - 27 Joe Lando role
  - 28 Sediment
  - 29 Crown
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  - 32 As a rule
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  - 39 Burrows or Lincoln
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- DOWN**
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  - 5 Rover's tool
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  - 10 Mail de —
  - 11 Proverb
  - 12 Metric measure
  - 13 Before long
  - 14 Hard to find
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  - 18 Associate
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  - 22 Mark with spots
  - 25 Mailed
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  - 33 Spad
  - 35 Trade-co
  - 37 Football response
  - 32 Inner layer of skin
  - 40 New York Indian
  - 41 Diabolical
  - 43 Do a police job
  - 44 Horowitz's instrument
  - 45 Military-school attendee
  - 46 Pitcher Hershiser
  - 47 Fudge words
  - 48 Help
  - 49 Split the —, blab
  - 51 Cedar Rapids college
  - 53 Tyson, s.s.
  - 54 Wondrous
  - 56 It could be stainless
  - 58 "Boiler" composer
  - 59 Sweetener
  - 62 Old cattle town
  - 64 Davenport, of a sort
  - 66 Food merchant
  - 67 Dressed, like a
  - 68 Vote into office
  - 70 Kitchen tool
  - 74 Shrine
  - 75 Greek letter
  - 77 Texas city
  - 79 "Love Story" author
  - 79 Lacquer ingredient
  - 80 US Navy construction worker
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  - 87 Corn ridge
  - 88 Metal plate
  - 92 Emerald blue
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  - 97 — commander
  - 96 Frightening
  - 97 Perfume
  - 98 Inevitable
  - 100 Spanish river
  - 104 Like Marilyn Monroe
  - 105 Trip function
  - 106 Wool oil
  - 106 Foreign market
  - 112 White or "hango"
  - 113 Wide open
  - 114 Up and about
  - 115 Author Zola
  - 116 Suit
  - 117 Mrs. Dithers
  - 118 Stir up
  - 119 Be ahead
  - 120 Otherwise
  - 122 Peak
  - 123 Pen, as colors
  - 126 Frilly fabric
  - 127 Watched
  - 128 Favorite
  - 130 Prior for post
  - 132 Possessed
  - 138 Health resort





# Repent, Bob Dole, for the end is nigh

BY JONATHAN CHAIT

Bob Dole unveiled his economic plan 13 weeks before the U.S. Presidential election. Republicans hoped, and Democrats feared, that the huge tax cuts would conjure up the wizardry of Ronald Reagan's 1980 presidential campaign, which came to life with the promise of tax cuts. Ten of those weeks have now passed, and the frog is still a frog. Over 60 percent of Americans do not believe Dole will cut their taxes; those who do are outnumbered by skeptics who think Dole will raise their taxes. Dole has now been reduced to re-running George Bush's 1988 campaign, chanting the feeble insult "liberal" over and over at a candidate who has spent his career fortifying himself against it.

To save Dole and ourselves from the doldrums, we humbly suggest a new approach: renounce the tax cut. We wouldn't suggest it if we didn't believe Dole felt the same way we do, at the bottom of his heart. All the evidence suggests the economic plan is a desperate, cynical attempt to buy votes rather than a genuine conversion to supply-side economics. Dole, after all, has exerted precious political capital straightening up the mess left by Ronald Reagan's tax cuts. He has until recently shown nothing but contempt for supply-side theory, and no evidence has since arisen to salvage its reputation.

Dole's timing makes us especially suspicious. He could have proposed a tax cut during the Republican primary, when he had no answer to Steve Forbes's flat tax and his nomination seemed in danger. He demurred. Only in August, after party strategists spent weeks hounding him with a false nostrum — that waving the talisman of tax cuts was his only chance to narrow President Clinton's massive lead — did Dole relent. But the contrast between believers and cynics remains all too apparent. When confronted with Clinton's objection that the plan will "blow a hole in the deficit," Jack Kemp falls under the trance of voodoo passion: "We're going to cut the capital-gain tax unapologetically and unashamedly by 50 percent," he crowed on "Meet the Press," "and that alone will bring far more revenue into the government." Dole merely smirks, "What it's really going to do is blow a hole in his lead."

But it hasn't. Every remotely objective

analysis has exposed Dole's plan as a series of vague, hopelessly optimistic and contradictory assumptions piled on top of each other like a house of cards. You don't have to be a sniveling liberal to doubt that Dole could cut more money from the Commerce Department's budget than it actually spends or to question the wisdom of paying for permanent tax increases with one-time sales of government assets. Even his economic apologists can only come up with shallow soundbites in its defense. And this time, nobody's buying the chicanery.

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So why bother? Dole has little to lose. Even more than in August, Dole needs a headline grabbing shakeup. If he stands up and confesses that his tax cut was a mistake, a capitulation to short-term political pressure at a weak moment, he would earn a second look from voters, who appreciate politicians willing to forthrightly admit mistakes. What could Clinton attack him for? Flip-flopping?

The risks are this: His supply-side supporters, such as Kemp, would be horrified. But they have caused him nothing but grief. In 1985 Dole engineered a painful deficit-reduction bill in the Senate, with Pete Wilson, still attached to a hospital I.V., casting the dramatic final vote. Kemp promptly

subverted him in the House. During the summer they battered him relentlessly until he took up their banner. And as his campaign stagnates they are already marking their distance, jockeying to lay the blame for Dole's anticipated failure on his personality rather than the ideas he has espoused. The supply-siders haven't hesitated to place their cause above his. He owes them nothing.

In any case, Dole's putative supply-side conversion not only aids his enemies, but also isolates his friends. What hope remains for conservative deficit hawks if their standard-bearer can be turned? When Dole began his political career, fiscal conservatism was the exclusive province of the GOP. In 1962 he voted against President John F. Kennedy's proposed tax cuts. Even as the Democrats slowly adopt his old position, Dole is presiding over his party's retreat from budgetary prudence.

When Dole announced his tax plan, it was an affront. Now it's a tragedy. He sold his soul to win the presidency, and is going to end up with neither. He appears to have only a few weeks remaining to salvage history's verdict. Repent, Senator, for the end is nigh.

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## Baker pushed for Dole's secretary of defense

BY ROBERT NOVAK

Conservatives working inside U.S. presidential candidate Bob Dole's campaign report that a pre-election announcement of James A. Baker III as designated secretary of defense is being pushed by Baker's longtime lieutenant, Margaret Tutwiler. Dole campaign manager Scott Reed still is trying to put together a list of senior Cabinet choices that presumably would be headed by Gen. Colin Powell as secretary of state. Tutwiler, who a month ago joined the Dole campaign, floated a Cabinet list that included both Powell and Baker.

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### BORIS IN TROUBLE

One of New York City's leading cardiologists with excellent contacts in Moscow is spreading the word that Boris Yeltsin, beset with multiple ailments, probably will not arise from a Russian operating table when he goes under the knife for heart surgery.

The consensus among heart specialists around the world is that Yeltsin would have a good chance for recovery if he came to the United States, where many people in similar condition have survived such operations. But Yeltsin's prospects are poor if he stays in Russia, according to the cardiologists.

Yeltsin has refused to come to the United States for treatment because Russia still pretends to superpower status and cannot admit having inferior treatment facilities.

### COMPETITION FOR GORE

Political operatives close to U.S. President Bill Clinton privately predict that Vice President Al Gore faces a tough battle for the 2000 Democratic presidential nomination, with infighting beginning immediately after the 1996 election.

These Clinton advisers see House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt as the challenger, whether or not Democrats regain control of the House and Gephardt becomes speaker. The Gore-Gephardt struggle would not wait for the 2000 primary elections but would begin in 1997 in Congress.

The view from the White House is that a re-elected Clinton in his second term would immediately face a Democratic effort to move the party back to conventional liberalism. These Clinton advisers foresee an ideological struggle with Gore in the center and Gephardt on the left.

### LOTT: NEVER AGAIN

Sen. Trent Lott, facing intense criticism from fellow Republican conservatives for his performance as Senate majority leader since taking over for Bob Dole three months ago, is passing the word to expect a changed Lott in 1997.

Lott's capitulation to a variety of demands by Clinton and Democrats in Congress stunned the GOP right wing, which considered him a truer conservative than Dole. He has received undesired praise from moderate and liberal journalists, calling Lott more flexible and conciliatory than Dole.

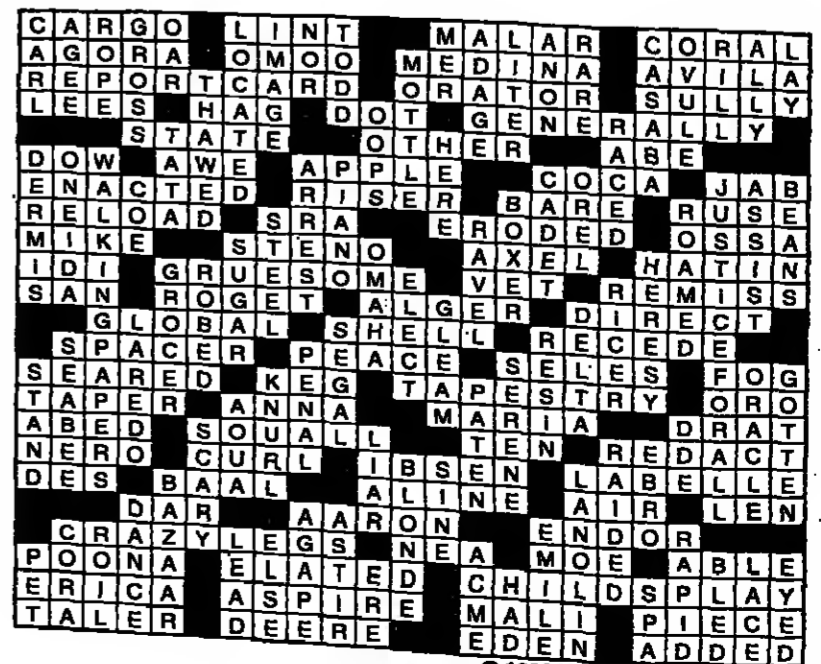
Accordingly, the new majority leader has told close Senate Republican allies to await a totally different Lott next year. He explained that his primary interest for 1996 has been to avoid a politically ruinous shutdown of the government and to get Congress out of town so Republican incumbents could campaign for re-election.

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# Arrival of God's people to the Holy Land

**S**WABIAN Germans, not Zionist-inspired East-European Jews, were the first successful settlers in the Holy Land some 120 years ago.

They were idealists. Christopher Hoffmann, a theologian from Wuerttemberg, urged his followers to go to the Holy Land to be close to Messiah when he appeared. Hoffmann preached for the creation of *Das Volk Gottes* (God's People) Society, he maintained, based on a family-community-nation structure. Although inspired by Christianity, Hoffmann maintained that his movement was open in everybody, irrespective of religion.

In 1858 Hoffmann and a close follower toured Palestine and 10 years later he led the first contingent of immigrants to Jerusalem. The story of the German settlers is told by Yossi Ben-Artzi, head of the Eretz Yisrael studies at the University of Haifa, in the recent Ben-Zvi publication, *Migermania le'Eretz Hakodesh* ("From Germany to the Holy Land").

The Ottoman authorities, though suspicious of the newcomers' intentions, did not block their research for a suitable tract of land to establish a *Strassendorf* (planned village). The choice of Haifa was promoted by a German clergyman who worked in Haifa for an English missionary society. A few years later the Templers were offered to buy cheaply the American colony near Jaffa, which was relinquished by its founders. And then, the Greek patriarch in Jaffa sold them a suitable piece of land bordered by three streams. On it, the Germans built a village which they named Sarona.

Also, a small colony was established south of the Old City in Jerusalem, in the Refaim valley. In the settlers' eyes, Jerusalem was the place from which the ideological

leadership of *Volk Gottes* should be directed. They initially called themselves *Jerusalemfreunde*, but soon changed their name to *Templerverein* (The Temple Society), but were usually referred to as the Templers. Most of them were farmers, or small-town artisans, in the state of Wuerttemberg, in the south-western corner of Germany.

The urge to emigrate was general in central Europe but Palestine was far from the preferred destination in the middle of last century. A number of the Templers were Germans who had previously tried to take root in other countries – the US, Russia, Hungary, Romania or Africa.

The journey to Palestine took at least six weeks. It entailed a railway journey to Trieste, and several weeks at sea. Often, males only ventured to take the journey just to find out what the reality in Palestine was. However, elderly men and children were also among the immigrants. The prospective settlers were warned in the weekly publication which the Templers maintained since 1845, that Palestine was not fit for the "weak, the sick, the poor or the old."

Agriculture was the avowed aim of most Templers. They planned their villages in the manner their farms were at home: straight streets and wooded alleys. The vast holdings were a copy of Wuerttemberg and Black Forest models.

When the Templers realized they needed professionals in other fields – teachers, builders, carpenters, smiths – they announced it in proper channels and eventually suitable candidates arrived.

The bulk of the Templers settled by 1874; they numbered about 650. Working hard, they managed to

organize their lives. A number became deputy consuls of foreign powers in Haifa and Jaffa – an important personal status in those days. One or two branched out to other occupations, such as hostility in Beirut or Nazareth.

THE TEMPLERS' adventure had left very little impact in Germany before Kaiser Wilhelm II visited Palestine, toward the end of 1898. Wilhelm started his visit in Haifa and made a point of calling on most Templer colonies. Ben-Artzi observes that it was by telling the Germans that the Templers were of political importance – not just a religious whim – and that they were an element in Germany's aspirations in the Middle East, that a new wave of immigrants resulted and several more Templer colonies were founded: Wilhelma in the south and Waldheim in Galilee.

Hoffmann's ecumenical ideals gradually gave way to uncompromising evangelism in some, to staunch nationalism in others. When the Nazis took over in their home country, their emissaries had no difficulty penetrating the Templers of Palestine. The late Haviv Canaan, an enterprising *Ha'aretz* reporter, revealed their machination whilst they tried to keep low profile.

The authorities too, had good reasons to keep an eye on the Germans. All Templers were arrested when World War II erupted. Eventually, some were exchanged for British passport holders in Europe and others were taken by sea to Australia. Sarona became a well-defended camp for the British police until the end of British rule in Palestine, and the site of government when Israel emerged. Some of the houses built by the Templers are still to be seen in what nowadays is known as the *Kiryat*.



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## Donkeys make good pets

**L**ETTERS tend to multiply in my file and even though I answer many personal appeals there are always those that sit aside for a time. Such have been the letters during recent months about pet donkeys.

In actual fact, it always surprises me just how many people keep pet donkeys, and most of all, it comes as a surprise that hy no means all of them live on a kibbutz or a moshav. A good many of the owners who write to this column live in suburbs and keep a pet donkey in the back garden. But, for the non-farmer, there really isn't a lot of information available about the proper way to keep such a pet. The following questions are from readers' letters and calls.

The first question has to do with whether donkeys make satisfactory pets. The answer is that they do. The smaller breeds of donkeys require barely more space than a Great Dane, in fact maybe less, and their food requirements are small compared to a horse. In most cases, unless either badly treated or simply spoiled, pet donkeys are docile and sweet-tempered, although it should be mentioned that females or gelded (castrated) males are preferable since full males can be a bit temperamental.

One reader asks if donkeys require any specific veterinary care. In general donkeys enjoy good health, but if they are sick then they need care just as any animal or person does. Most donkey illnesses are due either to injuries or to improper feeding and while donkey stomachs seem to be somewhat more stable than those of horses, a donkey can get colic if not properly fed. Injuries most often are the result of improper tying, or of getting free and running into trouble.

One must also be aware of the danger of poisoning. Donkeys are curious and will try to nibble at almost anything they can get into their mouths and sometimes this includes dangerous substances. Last year, a donkey in the Sharon area was poisoned and died from eating packets of colored crepe paper from a storage room that was accidentally left open.

But more often, donkeys get colic from too much fresh bread or other kitchen products. From grain, hay and grass they rarely suffer any ill effects unless, as has happened in some cases, the stor-

age room was left open and the donkey simply "pigged out" on grain or concentrates. At some time or other a pet donkey may need to be given a vermifuge to eliminate intestinal worms, but this is for the veterinary to decide.

Others want to know how often one should bathe a donkey. Well, like all equines, donkeys sweat quite a lot, particularly in the summer or after exercising. If you want the donkey to be sweet-smelling then it's perfectly permissible to wash it down as often as desired in hot weather, but be careful of this in winter. All donkeys, just like all

horses, can use a daily brushing and grooming and in winter this is usually enough. But do remember about feet. Unless a donkey gets plenty of exercise on rough terrain it almost always has overgrown hooves. Sometimes the hoof gets so long the donkey looks as if it is walking on stilts. If you cannot keep the hooves trimmed by yourself then it is best contact the farrier that shoes horses at your neighborhood riding stable and have him do the job.

As for food, as mentioned, donkeys like many different foods and will appreciate bread (preferably stale), fruit and vegetables, but all in proportion, and be sure to wash vegetables and fruit. Donkeys are susceptible to pesticides. Avoid sweets and raw potatoes.

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## ON CAMERA

DAVID BRAUNER

**M**ICHELLE Bates, 27, takes most of her pictures with a \$20 plastic "toy" camera. The camera is bandaged with black electrical tape, "because the back keeps falling off."

But make no mistake about it. Bates is a full-time professional free-lance photographer. Her pictures regularly appear in several papers around Seattle, where she lives, on the cover of *New York's The Writing Self*, and one of her "black box" photos was used on a Warner Brothers album jacket.

And in five short years of photography, Bates has had nine solo and group exhibitions, the latest being at Tel Aviv's Abertanel Gallery.

Bates was trained as a biologist at Brandeis University and at the University of Stirling in Scotland. While at college, she claims, "Never in a million years would it have occurred to me that I would end up being a photographer and an artist."

The turning point in her life came in 1991 when her parents gave her a graduation present of two workshop sessions at the Maine Photographic Workshops in Rockport, Maine. "I knew nothing when I started, but in six weeks I learned so much," says Bates with a confident smile.

The atmosphere is "camp-like, noncompetitive, very supportive." Top worldwide photographers teach the courses, which "are not cheap."

"They give you a Chinese-made plastic Holga 120S camera and say, 'Here, go out and shoot.'" For Bates the simple, light-weight Holga has remained her best friend ever since, and has become the trademark of her photographic style. In fact, on a shoot she carries several, because "they are so difficult to load."

The Holga's plastic "OPTICAL LENS" (written in big white letters around the lens barrel) has only two apertures, one for sun (f/11) and one for shade (f/8) and a single speed of about 1/125 second.

There are four focus settings, but Bates says, "I hardly use them. I never figured out if the focus really does anything." Also the view-finder is narrower than actual 6x6 cm framesize, so it is difficult to judge what will be in the picture.

Bates admits using a Holga for professional work is risky. "I never know if everything's going to come out; I always have that little edge." The negatives are often less than perfect, making lab work sometimes arduous, but she does all her own black-and-white and Cibachrome color processing.

But in Bates's words, "The Holga is the way that I see – focused in the center and fussed at the sides." The camera, in the young photographer's talented hands, creates an image of quick, clear recognition touched with a quirky, lively sense of humor, which she calls her "goofy stuff." When I chuckled at some of her pictures, Bates modestly quipped, "My favorite thing is when I see people laugh at my work."

The hallmark of Bates's "Holga work" is her TV tube picture frame. While on the Maine



The hallmark of Michelle Bates's work with a Holga camera (right) is her TV tube picture frame. (David Brauner)



course, she cut out a raggedy-edged masking frame from a piece of cardboard, roughly square like a television screen, and she has been using it ever since.

Another, completely independent aspect of Bates's personality comes out in her nature pictures. Somber, reflective, serious, her sea- and landscapes are made through the lenses of Nikon cameras. Of these images, she says, "I haven't figured it all out yet."

Michelle Bates's photo exhibition in Israel came about because a close college friend who had made aliyah could not see her shows in the US, so she took examples of Bates's works around to local galleries until she found a venue.

Bates, who was in Israel for the duration of her show, for her friend's wedding and visiting close relatives, says almost shyly, "Things just keep happening, that's what makes it fun. I enjoy doing and not pushing too hard."

Michelle Bates may be contacted by e-mail: meesh@www.concom.com/~winters/toy\_home.htm To see her work, click on "Toy Camera Images," then Room 6.

Good news for photographers: Tel Aviv's ASAP Photo Agency is opening a Homepage

Internet Gallery (http://www.asap.co.il) to exhibit the work of local photographers, subject to acceptance and for a reasonable fee. For details, e-mail Yisrael Talby at ASAP's free "Drop-me-a-Line" service; Talby.

## Honoring a photojournalist with a conscience

TOM TUGEND

**I**N 1935, the popular German photojournalist Karl Meyer was fired by his newspaper because he refused to divorce his Jewish wife.

This week, Meyer's hometown of Magdeburg, in east-central Germany, is honoring its native son with the opening of a three-month exhibit of his photos of the region's people and rural life. A subtext to the exhibit, and to the wide attention it is receiving in the Magdeburg area, is the fate of mixed German-Jewish marriages – and their offspring – during the Nazi regime.

In early 1933, readers of the daily *Magdeburger General-Anzeiger* were introduced to a lively new feature, dubbed "Her Lense Berichtet," (Mr. Lens Reports), with the "Lens" referring to the camera lens of the penitentiary Karl Meyer.

With his trademark pipe, cap, car, Kontax camera and sharp eye for the drama of everyday life, Meyer explored the byways of the Magdeburg area. The photos of "Mr. Lens," accompanied by light verses of his own composition, became one of the paper's most popular features.

In 1928, Meyer, then already a rising photographer and editor, had

married Ilse Eger, daughter of an assimilated Jewish family in Magdeburg.

With Meyer's dismissal in 1935, four days after the birth of the first of his four sons, the family's lifestyle changed, but only gradually and in some unfashionable ways.

TO HIS son, Professor Michael Meyer, who was born in Magdeburg in 1940, the story of his family's survival is fascinating, and not only from a personal perspective.

As a scholar of German history, specializing on the Nazi regime's distortion of intellectual, cultural and musical life, his parents' story illustrates the Nazi treatment of *Mischehen*, or mixed marriages, between Aryans and non-Aryans.

Contrary to the image of the Nazi regime as superbly and ruthlessly efficient was one of Karl Meyer's experiences from shortly before the war's outbreak. To his surprise, he was ordered to join the auxiliary police, whose members were exempt from military service.

After a Gestapo investigation into his marriage, Meyer was quickly

discharged from the police unit, but that fact was apparently never passed on to the Wehrmacht, which failed to call up Meyer for army service throughout the war.

Though Meyer had lost his job in 1935, he was able to work as a freelancer for various publications, thanks mainly to sympathetic editors in the right places. In another irony of the time, while Meyer was branded an "enemy of the state" and deprived of his passport, he was asked by Goebbels's propaganda ministry to report on the German military and even to undertake assignments in occupied Paris, Prague and Norway.

Throughout, the pressure on Aryans to shed their Jewish spouses increased. At one point, Meyer agreed to a divorce, on the condition that his wife and children be guaranteed passage to a neutral country, but nothing ever came of it. The couple had missed an earlier opportunity to leave Germany when they visited Sweden in 1938, to bid farewell to Ilse's sister and her husband, who were emigrating to Los Angeles. But Ilse insisted on returning to

Magdeburg to take care of her aging father. Four years later, the father was deported to Theresienstadt, where he died within a few months.

During the last year of the war, as the Gestapo stepped up the hunt for the racially or politically incorrect, the journalist moved his family to the village of Dornersleben, near Magdeburg, and into the home of his uncle, a respected member of the town council.

After American forces reached the village, they appointed Karl Meyer as mayor, a post he retained after the area became part of the Soviet-occupied zone of Germany.

In their final escape to freedom, the Meyer family left East Germany in 1948 and made a successful break for West Germany.

MICHAEL MEYER has dedicated the exhibit on the works of "Mr. Lens" to his father's uncle, "the master butcher Ernst Bross, and all the relatives and residents of Dornersleben, who remained true to Karl Meyer and his Jewish wife under life-threatening circumstances. They shared the same sense of humanity expressed to this day by the pictures and verses of my father."

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Braves crush Cards, clinch NLCS



NATIONAL HEROES - The Braves celebrate after winning the NL crown.

ATLANTA (Reuters) - The Atlanta Braves crushed the St. Louis Cardinals 15-0 Thursday, coming back from the brink of elimination to win three straight games to stampe into the World Series against the New York Yankees. The defending World Champion Braves racked up six runs in the first inning and went on to a 17-hit romp, including a three-run triple by pitcher Tom Glavine, who allowed a paltry three singles, struck out four and issued no walks. The World Series was scheduled to begin last night night in New York. Braves' catcher Javy Lopez was the Most Valuable Player of the series, batting a seveo-game Championship Series record .542 with two homers and six RBI. He homered and drove in three runs Thursday. Winning the MVP "is a privilege, and I feel real proud," Lopez said. "We've got another series to go and hopefully we can win. "There wasn't the feeling that one guy did the whole job. I think that with the whole team cooperating, that's why we're here." The Braves outscored the Cardinals 32-1 in the final three games to become the first team to win a National League Championship Series after trailing three games to one. The Braves beat the Cardinals 14-0 on Monday and 3-1 on Wednesday. "After the first inning, my job was pretty darn easy and that was all down to the offense," Glavine said. "About his triple, Glavine said: 'You work on (batting). You oever know when it's gonna make a difference in a ballgame. Tonight I hit it huge.'" Cardinals' starting pitcher Doovan Osborne, who out-pitched Glavine in Game 3, gave up six runs and five hits, getting just two outs before manager Tony La Russa eoded the tortu-

Table with 5 columns: Player, AB, R, H, BI. Lists Braves players and their statistics.

walks from Andy Bees and McGriff's RBI single was thrown away by right fielder Willie McGee, allowing Chipper Jones to score. Lopez blasted a two-run homer over the center-field wall, making it 10-0. In the sixth, St. Louis shortstop Ozzie Smith, who has said this is his last season, popped out as a pinch-hitter in what likely was his last major-league at-bat. The future Hall-of-Famer was given a standing ovation by the Braves' fans. In the doublet, McGriff tripled. Lopez doubled and Andrew Jones boomed off Mark Petkovsek, making it 13-0. In the seventh inning, Chipper Jones singled and McGriff launched his third postseaso homer to complete the carnage. McGriff had three hits, four RBI and four runs scored. Andrew Jones had two hits, three runs scored and two RBI. Grissom, Lemke, Chipper Jones and Rafael Belliard - a shortstop who came in for defense in the second inning - each added two hits. "I'm thinking about our ball-club," La Russa said. "The loss stings a lot because of the type of game."

Rain postpones World Series: Game 1 rescheduled today, weather permitting. NEW YORK (AP) - The opening game of the World Series between the New York Yankees and Atlanta Braves was postponed yesterday by a heavy, wind-driven rain that soaked the metropolitan New York area. The Major League Baseball commissioner's office announced the postponement seven hours before the scheduled start of the opener. It had rained hard for most of the morning and the weather had been expected to get worse later in the day with wind gusts of 95 kph predicted for the scheduled hours of the game. The rainout eliminated today's travel day and means the teams were scheduled to play five straight days. The Series would open today, with Game 2 tomorrow night. The teams would then travel to Atlanta and pick up the Series there with Game 3 on Tuesday night, as previously scheduled. There could be more trouble today, though. Mike Woodruffe, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service, said steady overnight rains were expected to taper off by this morning, but there was an even chance for more rain by evening, when today night's game is scheduled to start. The rainout did not change the first game pitching plans of managers Joe Torre of New York and Bobby Cox of Atlanta with likely Cy Young Award winners Andy Pettitte of the Yankees and John Smoltz of the Braves opposing each other in the opener. It could, however, allow the Braves to move, four-time Cy Young winner Greg Maddux up to Game 2, instead of Denny Neagle, acquired late in the season from Pittsburgh, is expected to fill that role for the Braves with the Yankees likely to use left-hander Kenny Rogers, who has been a postseason disappointment.

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Multiple tables showing NFL individual leaders for various categories like Rushing Yards, Passing Yards, etc.

Team statistics

Table with 4 columns: Team, Total Yards, Points, Turnovers. Lists statistics for various NFL teams.

Payton closing in on rushing TD record as Chiefs down Seahawks

Payton closing in on rushing TD record as Chiefs down Seahawks. KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) - Take warning, Walter Payton. Marcus Allen is on, so close. Kansas City's 36-year-old running back scored the 108th and 109th rushing touchdowns of his illustrious career Thursday night, propelling the Chiefs past mistake-prone Seattle 34-16. The 15-year veteran, who seems to pass a milestone just about every week, needs two more rushing TDs to erase Payton's NFL record of 110. Allen's second 1-yard scoring run of the game gave the Chiefs a 27-10 lead and followed a 27-yard pass interference penalty on Carlton Gray. The Seahawks (2-5) crippled themselves with 13 penalties for 118 yards, including four personal fouls, and had two players ejected during the last TD drive by Kansas City (5-2). With 11:08 left, linebacker Winston Moss was thrown out when he jumped on wide receiver Chris Penn and twisted his head around. On the next play, Seattle safety Darryl Williams was flagged for another personal foul. Five plays later, linebacker Dean Wells was ejected for a personal foul, and was wiping blood off his nose as he left the field. That put the ball on the 9, and two plays later Steve Bono hit Sean LaChapelle with a 4-yard TD pass to make it 34-10 with 6:40 left. Seattle made it 34-16 with 1:01 to play on Joey Galloway's 16-yard TD catch. The Chiefs, 13-3 against Seattle since Marty Schottenheimer became head coach in 1989, thoroughly dominated the first two quarters while making a 20-3 lead. The Seahawks were penalized nine times for 62 yards in the first half, including five offsides calls that almost all seemed to come at good times for the Chiefs. Bono, who's had some of his best days against Seattle, engineered scoring drives on four of five first-half possessions. Pete Stoyanovich had field goals of 45 yards on the Chiefs' first possession of the half and 43 yards as time expired. Kimble Anders made it 10-3 with 3:41 left in the first quarter when he squirted through a hole on the left side of the line and went 15 yards into the end zone. Midway through the second period, Allen capped an 8-minute, 81-yard march with a 1-yard run for career rushing touchdown No. 108. Seattle was called for three offsides penalties during the drive, and two resulted in first downs. Allen, who moved past Jim Brown in his previous game for second place on the career rushing touchdown list, sat out much of the second half with a bruised ankle. Seattle finally got its offense unknacked late in the second quarter, going 66 yards in 14 plays to set up Todd Peterson's 24-yard field goal with 26 seconds left. The Seahawks had a first-and-goal from the 6, but three straight passes by John Friesz fell incomplete, the third going off Brian Blades' fingertips. Tamarick Vanover returned the kickoff 23 yards to the Chiefs' 32, then Bono hit Penn for 14 yards and LaChapelle for 18. As Stoyanovich lined up to try a 48-yarder, Seattle tackle Sam Adams was called for offsides, and Stoyanovich made good from 43 yards to put Kansas City on top 20-3 as time expired. The Seahawks scored with 11:06 left in the third when Chris Warren jukeed Tracy Simien in the secondary and sprinted 50 yards to the end zone.

'Round 2' of Steelers-Oilers highlights AFC schedule

'Round 2' of Steelers-Oilers highlights AFC schedule. NEW YORK (AP) - When Pittsburgh and Houston met at Three Rivers Stadium last month, the relevant numbers were 30-16 and \$145,500. The first was the score of the game won by the Steelers. The second was the amount fined 35 players for violating an American National Football League record. So what happens when the Oilers and Steelers meet today in the Astrodome? "This is like Round 2," Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher says. "Round Two of Steelers-Oilers Highlights AFC Schedule. But maybe I shouldn't use that analogy." Brawls or otherwise, today's matchup is the AFC Central Division's most important game this season. In other games today, Atlanta is at Dallas, Miami at Philadelphia, New England at Indianapolis, New Orleans at Carolina, the New York Giants at Washington, Baltimore at Denver, Buffalo at the New York Jets, Cincinnati at San Francisco, Jacksonville at St. Louis and Tampa Bay at Arizona. Oakland is at San Diego tomorrow. Chicago, Detroit, Green Bay and Minnesota are off. The Steelers (5-1) have won five in a row since an opening loss in Jacksonville. The Oilers are 4-2 despite playing before 30,000 empty seats per week because they're moving to Nashville. Tennessee, next season. A Pittsburgh victory effectively puts the Steelers up by three games - two plus a tiebreaker. An Oilers victory probably means the division race will last until the final few weeks. Contributing to Pittsburgh's streak are the running of Jerome Bettis, who has had 100 yards or more in all five victories, and the dominance of the defense, which had 10 sacks last week in the 20-10 win over Cincinnati. Chad Brown had 4 1/2 of those sacks, another illustration of the depth of Pittsburgh's defensive talent. With Greg Lloyd lost for the season, Brown and Levoe Kirkland improved to an All-Pro level at linebacker. Houston lost quarterback Chris Chandler late in the first half of last week's 23-13 win in Atlanta when he was pulled a hamstring. Chandler is expected to play this week, but if he doesn't, Steve McNair seems ready to step in without much dropoff in skill. But Houston's main weapon has been rookie Eddie George, who has three 100-yard games already for the Oilers. He was held to 50 yards in the first meeting. And while both teams will try to keep fisticuffs to a minimum, that doesn't mean they'll be playing touch football. "Playing physical against the Steelers," says Houston coach Jeff Fisher. "is the only thing that gives you a chance to win."

Welcome to NY, Braves

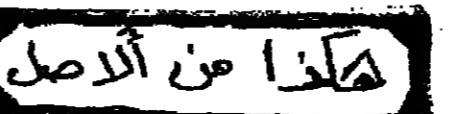
Welcome to NY, Braves. NEW YORK (AP) - Coming off the first full baseball season in three years and a stirring seven-game victory over St. Louis in the NL championship series, the last thing the Atlanta Braves needed was a traffic jam. That's just what they got when they arrived for Game 1 of the World Series. The defending champions didn't receive any special treatment from the motorists of New York, needing four hours to travel from the airport to their hotel to Yankee Stadium for a workout Friday night. "It was like a trip to the West Coast," quipped 24-game winner John Smoltz. Two buses finally delivered the team to the doors of Yankee Stadium almost two hours later than scheduled. Bobby Cox was determined to bring his team to Yankee Stadium for a pre-Series workout, even when the traffic worked out a longer-than-expected day. "It was quite a sight coming in, with the lights on and Yankee Stadium written on the side," Cox said. "You start thinking about these things in the middle of the season... and it was almost unanimous that everybody really wanted to come to New York and play in Yankee Stadium." The players put aside their frustration when they spotted Yankee Stadium in the horizon. "It's cool," Chipper Jones said. "When the Braves made the short walk from their buses to the stadium entrance, a small group of fans stood behind a barricade, chanting and performing the tomahawk chop. "Are they cheering for us?" Neagle asked incredulously.

Bailey indoor record ratified

Bailey indoor record ratified. MONACO (Reuters) - Canadian Olympic champion Donovan Bailey's eight-month-old world indoor 50 meters record has finally been ratified after doubts about the validity of the start. Bailey, who set a world record in the Olympic 100 meters final in Atlanta this year, clocked 5.56 seconds in Reno on February 9. The mark was ratified this week by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF). "There was some doubt about the validity of the start, but USA Track and Field provided sufficient documentation to confirm the regularity of the race," an IAAF statement said.

Thomas on verge of breaking O.J.'s rushing mark

THURMAN PARK, N.Y. (AP) - Thurman Thomas has been trying to catch O.J. Simpson for nine years, only to realize the chase was much more exciting than the trophy. Thomas needs 66 yards to surpass Simpson as the Buffalo Bills career rushing leader, and he will have a chance of reaching the milestone today against the New York Jets. Simpson will not be on the field at Giants Stadium to congratulate him. "We're still good friends," Thomas said. "I haven't spoken to him since that period of time, but I know if I do get the record, he'll be there. He won't (actually) be there, but..." But he'll be there in spirit as the unspoken thought. Thomas has felt like he was chasing a ghost since 1994, when Simpson was charged in the slayings of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. Simpson has not visited the Bills locker room since, something he had done every season for years while working for NBC. Thomas has been steadily creeping up on the records that made Simpson a public figure in the first place. Two years ago, he broke Simpson's record with his sixth season of more than 1,000 yards rushing. Last year, he broke Simpson's mark of 41 career 100-yard rushing games. Two weeks ago, Thomas established a mark with his 58th rushing touchdown, one more than Simpson. Today, reaching his average of 78 yards per game would bring Thomas to 10,588 yards, 12 more than Simpson.





Dow closes on new record high Wall Street buoys London shares

WALL STREET REPORT

WORLD MARKETS ROUNDUP

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NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks rallied into the close Friday, shuffling off some profit-taking to boost several market measures further into record territory as interest rates fell again in bond trading.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 35.03 points to close at 6,094.23, a new high for the fourth time this week. If not for the equivalent of a nearly 15-point slide in Philip Morris shares, the Dow would have finished above 6,100.

Broad-market indexes also rallied into the finish, padding Thursday's record highs by the Standard and Poor's 500 list and the New York Stock Exchange composite index.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq market, weighed down Thursday by the session as investors secured more profits from computer-related issues that shot higher earlier in the week on strong earnings news, managed a small gain on the day.

There was no major economic news to drive the session, which was dominated by a disappointing earnings report from Xerox, as well as revelations of new threats to the tobacco industry's defense

against smoker liability suits. In a study published Friday in the Journal Science, researchers reported finding a tobacco carcinogen that links up with a gene that is critical in the development of cancer.

The new work "helps close a loophole" that has enabled tobacco lawyers to deny a smoking-cancer link, said John Banzhaf, director of Action on Smoking and Health, an anti-tobacco group.

On Thursday, meanwhile, New York City joined a long list that includes San Francisco, Los Angeles County and at least 17 states suing the tobacco industry to retrieve the costs attributed to smoking-related illnesses.

Philip Morris was the Dow's weakest issue, and RJR Nabisco fell in active NYSE trading. Xerox shares plunged, with Merrill Lynch downgrading the stock after the company reported a smaller-than-expected 6 percent gain in third-quarter profits.

LONDON (Reuters) - Shares closed at a record high for the third time in five sessions, buoyed by firm U.S. Treasury bonds and lifted towards the close as the Dow recovered from early weakness.

The FTSE 100 ended 11.0 points higher at 4,053.1, surpassing its previous record close of 4,050.8 set on October 15, for a rise of 25.0 points in the week.

FRANKFURT - The DAX index of 30 leading shares ended floor trade at a new record close, supported by strength on other bourses, the firm dollar and data showing improved domestic business confidence.

The DAX index closed bourse trade 18.56 points higher at 2,734.20, up 48.17 from last Friday. In post-bourse trading the DAX stood at 2,727.56.

TOKYO - Stocks closed higher, propped up by a new record high on Wall Street overnight as well as hopes that Japan's general election on Sunday will produce a stable government capable of executing policies to help the economy.

The benchmark Nikkei 225 ended 188.56 points higher at 21,613.20, rising 644.14 from last week.

Investors go for blue chips WALL STREET WEEK

NEW YORK - Blue-chip stocks have become the dream team on Wall Street as investors, burnt by the recent rout of small stocks, run to the safety of companies with proven records.

In what may go down on record as the shortest market correction ever, the Dow Jones industrial average this week came within a skip and a jump of its all-time high

after plunging in late May and July. The world's most closely watched index of 30-blue chip stocks rallied Thursday to within 45 points of its record close of 5,778.00 reached on May 22. On Friday, the market slipped on profit-taking to 5,702.03, off 31.44 points. For the week, it was up 12.58 points.

Dollar up against mark CURRENCY REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - The dollar rose Thursday against the German mark, which was hurt by political instability and worries of a coup in nearby Russia, a big trade partner for Germany.

The dollar's rise was aided by the U.S. bond and stock markets, which rose on anemic U.S. housing data. But the dollar eased against the Japanese yen, as investors' booked profits in the U.S. currency follow-

ing big gains against the yen on Wednesday. In late New York trading, the dollar rose to 1.5429 marks from 1.5391 marks late Wednesday. It declined to 112.22 yen from 112.27 yen.

The British pound rose to dir 1.5860 from dir 1.5830. Investors dumped marks after President Boris Yeltsin fired security chief Alexander Lebed. The dismissal came one day after Lebed had been accused of building his own rogue army in an attempt to seize power.

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Israel Philharmonic Orchestra opens its 60th anniversary season...



Soprano Sharon Sweet sings Beethoven as the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra opens its 60th-anniversary season.

DANCE

HELEN KAYE

INTERNATIONAL competitive dance continues with a Slovenian company performing Sting and String...

FILM

HELEN KAYE

ISRAELI director Eli Avia's Summer, Under the Domim Tree...

1991. It stars leading Canadian actors R.H. Thomson and Saul Rubinek as Haim and Hirsch...

Now, in 1948, he is a celebrated Yiddish writer who has come to Montreal for series of lectures...

The film is basically a discussion of secular humanist versus religious/haredi philosophies and values...

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QUICK CROSSWORD with solutions provided below.

# Ministry chiefs to handle job situation in development towns

AT the initiative of Foreign Minister David Levy, the cabinet on Friday discussed the handling of the unemployment situation in development towns, following the closing of the Kitan factory in Levy's hometown, Beit She'an.

The ministers decided that the Directors-General Committee for Special Cases would act as a special bureau to handle problems related to welfare, industry, employment and infrastructure in development towns.

The bureau will report to the Ministerial Committee on the Advancement of Development

Towns and Zones, headed by Levy. At the meeting, Levy said there was a need for the government to act quickly to demonstrate the need for action and its concern for development town residents.

Meanwhile, following the tour of the Kitan plant by Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky on Thursday, Sharansky's office announced Friday he would take a long look at all the commitments made by Kitan to receive assistance in the framework of the Law for Encouraging Investment.

Sharansky ordered Investment

Center director David Baruch to look into the possibility of giving preference to those plants which can absorb workers and guarantee steady employment, so that situations like that at Kitan do not recur.

Sharansky also said it is important for companies, especially those receiving government assistance, to make sure they inform the government if they foresee the plant might have to close, so a reasonable amount of time can be given to the workers and, if necessary, the government to deal with the situation. (Tim)



Underwater archeologists display a new find on Friday as part of a conference, sponsored by the Israeli Diving Federation and Haifa University, marking 35 years of underwater archeology in Israel. (Dana Steman/Israel Sun)

### WEATHER

City	Forecast
Tel Aviv	16-26
Jerusalem	15-27
Beersheba	18-31
Haifa	15-27
Netanya	15-27
Ashdod	18-27
Beer Sheva	18-31
Dead Sea	20-32
Eilat	20-35

Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear.

## Frenchwoman who helped villagers save thousands of Jews, dies at 94

PARIS (AP) - Magda Trocme, a pastor's wife who helped lead the remarkable efforts of a small French village to rescue thousands of Jews from the Nazis, has died at the age of 94.

Trocme died October 10 in a Paris hospital of a cerebral hemorrhage,

her son, Jacques Trocme, said yesterday.

It was Mrs. Trocme and her husband, Andre, a pacifist Protestant pastor, who largely inspired the rescue effort of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, a small mountain community in central France 400 km. south of

France. Through word of mouth, the town became a place of shelter for 5,000 refugees, most of them Jews, during World War II. The entire town was honored at Yad Vashem.

Mrs. Trocme never quite understood all the attention she got for doing something she considered her

natural duty.

"She just always thought that there should be more justice and more love in the world, for people of all social classes," Jacques Trocme said in a telephone interview. "She thought what she was doing was perfectly normal."

Born November 2, 1902 in Florence, Mrs. Trocme came from a family dedicated to fighting injustice. Her Russian ancestors fought for the rights of peasants under the Czar, and her Italian great-grandfather was jailed for protesting his government's treatment of the poor.

Soon after France fell to the Germans in World War II, the collaborationist Vichy government passed laws discriminating against Jews. By 1945, 80,000 Jews had been deported to Nazi death camps. Only 2,500 returned.

Legend has it that the rescue effort began when Mrs. Trocme opened her doors to a Jewish German woman on a cold night in 1940. But actually, her son said, French Jews had been arriving earlier, not to mention Spanish refugees from the Franco regime.

Sheltering mainly children at first, the people of Chambon named no one away, risking their lives as more and more refugees arrived.

### AROUND THE WORLD

City	Low	High	Forecast
American	04	09	10-15
Buenos Aires	16	29	20-24
Caracas	08	13	15-20
Copenhagen	07	11	10-15
Frankfurt	08	13	10-15
Geneva	08	13	10-15
Hong Kong	24	29	25-30
London	10	15	10-15
Los Angeles	19	24	20-25
Madrid	11	16	10-15
Moscow	01	06	05-10
New York	05	10	10-15
Rome	10	15	10-15
Sao Paulo	18	23	20-25
Sydney	16	21	20-25
Tokyo	16	21	20-25
Yverdon	08	13	10-15
Zurich	08	13	10-15

**National Export Month**

**Israel Export Institute**

**National Export Day October 29, 1996**

will take place in the presence of

**Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu**

**Minister of Industry & Trade, Natan Sharansky**

**Governor of the Bank of Israel, Prof. Yaakov Frenkel**

NATIONAL EXPORT DAY	08:30 - 09:50	Assembly, registration and reception
	09:50 - 10:00	Opening remarks: Chairman of the Israel Export Institute, <b>Amir Makov</b>
	10:00 - 10:20	<b>Address: Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu</b>
	10:30 - 10:50	<b>Director of the Israel Export Institute, Amir Hayek</b>
	10:50 - 11:10	<b>Governor of the Bank of Israel, Prof. Yaakov Frenkel</b>
	11:10 - 12:10	Panel discussion: Export breakthroughs for Start Up Companies Moderator: Director General and Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Industry & Trade, <b>Dr. Yehoshua J. (Shuki) Gleitman</b>
	12:10 - 12:20	Participants: Co-President, Ornet Data Communication Ltd. <b>Dr. Orna Berry</b> President, Rad data Communications Ltd. <b>Zohar Zisapel</b> Managing Director, Veritas Venture Capital Management Ltd. <b>Gideon Tolkowsky</b>
	12:20 - 13:10	Managing Director, Israel Discount Bank, <b>Avraham Asheri</b>
	13:10 - 15:00	Gathering of exporters with light refreshments Lunch
	<b>Address:</b> Minister of Industry & Trade, Natan Sharansky	

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**ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK**

The event will take place at the Tel Aviv Hilton  
Simultaneous translation in English is provided

## Greenpeace decries transportation of contaminated sludge

**LIAT COLLINS**

FIVE hundred trucks delivered 10,000 tons of contaminated sludge to the Ramat Hovav toxic waste dump near Beersheba over Succot, violating laws requiring trucks carrying hazardous waste to be marked and banning them from passing through cities, Greenpeace announced on Friday.

Greenpeace's Mediterranean office is accusing the Ramat Hovav Environmental Company of "snatching the industrial sludge" in cooperation with the Environment Ministry.

The trucks came from Carmel Olifines, a plastics producer in Haifa, where the 10,000 tons of waste had accumulated over 20 years. According to Ory Zik, Greenpeace's local representative, none of the trucks had permission to carry hazardous waste.

Zik said the on-site treatment of the sludge in Haifa was stopped when Ramat Hovav's operators "joined forces with the ministry to demand the mud be transferred to where it's now being dumped. Carmel Olifines was forced to transport the hazardous waste across the country illegally, although it could have treated it at its own facilities."

Zik said the dumping shows "the low ethical code of the company running Ramat Hovav. Greenpeace is demanding an end to Ramat Hovav's monopoly on dealing with toxic waste and for it to scrap plans to build an incinerator at the site. The long-term solution is clean production in all industrial processes," Zik said.

Environment Ministry spokesman Yiftah Kramer denied the material had been "snatched," saying it had undergone initial treatment on-site and then been transported to Ramat Hovav in keeping with standard policy. "If a company is able to deal with waste on-site, that's fine; if not, it must be transported to Ramat Hovav," he said.

Kramer said the idea that the waste had been snatched apparently stemmed from the rivalry between the company which had been treating the waste and the Ramat Hovav operators, combined with Greenpeace's opposition to constructing an incinerator at the toxic waste site.

The supervision of the transport of waste comes under the auspices of the Transport Ministry, which could not be reached for comment.

## Swiss acknowledge 1949 deal to transfer money into Polish accounts

**MARILYN HENRY and news agencies**

SWITZERLAND on Friday acknowledged it had struck a confidential deal with Poland in 1949 to liquidate Poles' unclaimed wealth in Swiss banks, but denied the pact had let it keep Holocaust victims' riches for itself.

The arrangement was detailed in an exchange of letters dated June 25, 1949 but not published along with a compensation treaty concluded at the same time, the Foreign Ministry in Bern said.

It released copies of the letters, in which the senior Swiss negotiator accepts Warsaw's proposal that Polish citizens' Swiss bank accounts and life insurance policies that went unclaimed for five years to be turned over to Poland's central bank.

The letters were in conjunction with the previously publicized accord under which Poland was to pay Switzerland 52.1 million Swiss francs in compensation for property the then-communist Polish regime had nationalized.

The revelation of the letters was sure to turn up pressure on Switzerland to clear up once and for all the fate of Jewish wealth deposited by people who perished in the Holocaust.

The Foreign Ministry statement said the letters did not support US Senator Alfonse D'Amato's assertion that the 1949 accord let Switzerland divert for itself the unclaimed wealth of Polish Jews who died at Hitler's hands.

"Various sides alleged yesterday that Switzerland struck a secret accord with Poland after World War II that allowed Switzerland to seize for itself dormant assets of Polish citizens," the ministry said. "This allegation is wrong."

It said it was trying to clear up unresolved questions about post-war compensation agreements with Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Romania and Hungary, especially over if, when and how much it paid foreign governments.

Swiss banks have never disputed they were a popular refuge for the wealth of European Jews fearing Nazi persecution after Hitler came to power in Germany in 1933. Many were drawn by Switzerland's strict bank secrecy and neutral status.

But the banks reject claims by the World Jewish Congress that they may be sitting on billions of dollars in assets left behind by Jewish account holders murdered in the Holocaust without having passed along their secret bank details.

Meanwhile, D'Amato, whose Senate banking committee is investigating worldwide allegations that Swiss banks profited from the Holocaust, said he would put more pressure for action on three bodies created in Switzerland to investigate the fate of the Jewish funds.

In an interview with the Swiss newspaper *Journal de Geneve* published on Friday, he demanded a new independent commission be set up to investigate the controversy.

"How can one have confidence in the Swiss authorities when they have only taken action under pressure from public opinion?" D'Amato said.

"The only means to re-establish confidence is to entrust this investigation to personalities above suspicion - independent and non-Swiss."

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